

Historic, archived document

Do not assume content reflects current scientific knowledge, policies, or practices.

SPECIAL OFFER This Publication Three Full Years For Only \$1.00 Now
 PRICE WILL BE ADVANCED TO \$1.00 PER YEAR IN 1903

WICK'S FAMILY MAGAZINE

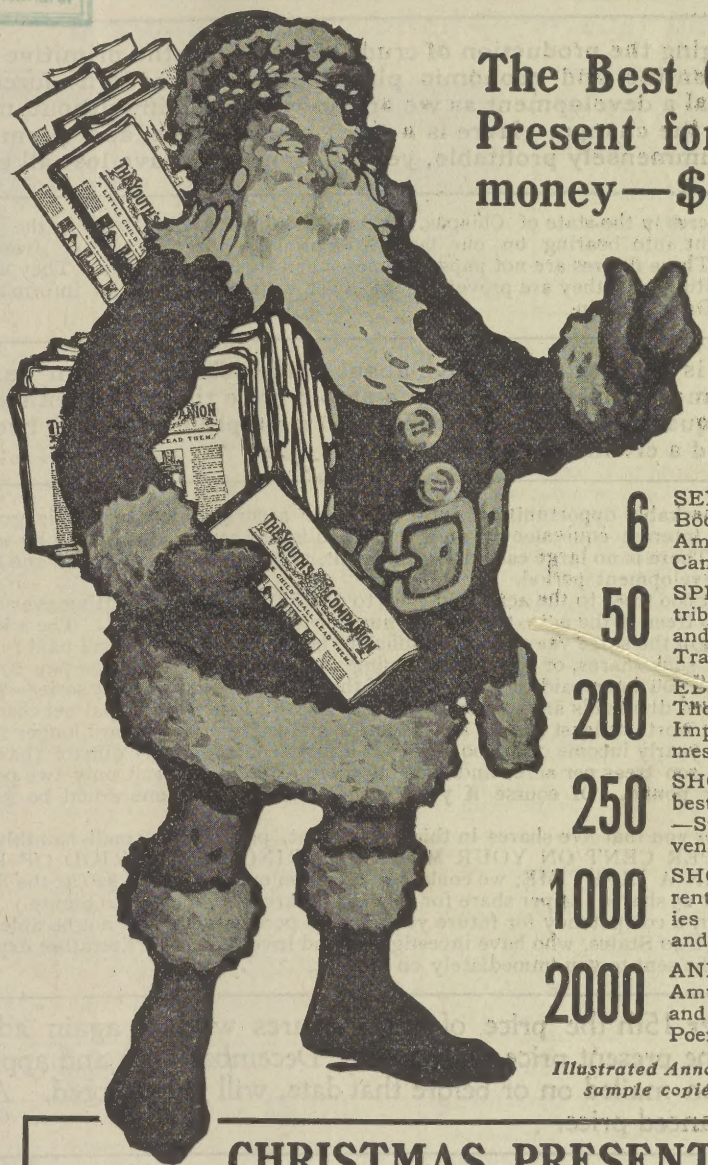


VICK PUBLISHING CO.

LIBRARY RECEIVED
 DEC 4 1902
 Department of Agriculture

The Youth's Companion

The Best Christmas Present for so little money — \$1.75



Men and women eminent in every walk of life will contribute to the 1903 volume of The Youth's Companion. The contents of the fifty-two issues for 1903 will include . .

- 6 SERIAL STORIES, each a Book in itself, reflecting American Life in Home, Camp and Field.
- 50 SPECIAL ARTICLES contributed by Famous Men and Women — Statesmen, Travellers, Scientists, Etc.
- 200 EDITORIAL ARTICLES, Thoughtful and Timely, on Important Public and Domestic Questions.
- 250 SHORT STORIES by the best of Living Story-Writers — Stories of Character, Adventure and Humor.
- 1000 SHORT NOTES on Current Events, and Discoveries in the Field of Science and Natural History.
- 2000 ANECDOTES, Bright and Amusing, Items of Strange and Curious Knowledge, Poems and Sketches.


Illustrated Announcement for 1903 and sample copies of the paper free.

CHRISTMAS PRESENT COUPON

On receipt of \$1.75, the subscription price, with this slip or the name of this publication, the publishers will send CHS 40

- Gift 1.** All the issues of The Companion from time subscription is received to the end of 1902, FREE, including the Beautiful Holiday Numbers.
- Gift 2.** The Companion Calendar for 1903, lithographed in twelve colors and gold from original designs. Then The Youth's Companion for the 52 weeks of 1903 — till January, 1904 — all for \$1.75.

THE YOUTH'S COMPANION, Boston, Mass.



\$1,200 A YEAR FOR LIFE

Secured by Small Monthly Payments

Crude rubber is today worth twice as much as it was ten years ago. Everybody knows that a pound of rubber costs more money than a bushel of wheat. Its uses are constantly and enormously increased from year to year. Every industry, every branch of science daily finds some new purpose for it, for which nothing else will answer. It is as indispensable to our modern civilization as wheat, or coal, or cotton. Yet its production is on the same primitive and uncertain basis that it was on the day that Goodyear first made rubber a commercial possibility.

The world's present inadequate supply of crude rubber is gathered by tapping wild rubber trees that are scattered here and there in the jungles of the American tropics. The ignorant and improvident natives who are engaged in this pursuit, invariably "tap to death" the trees, unrestrained, because of the climate, by white supervision. Because they have to penetrate farther and farther into the jungle each year at an added outlay of time and money, and because the supply of the wild trees, in answer to the incessantly increasing demand, is rapidly vanishing, the price of crude rubber has doubled in the last decade.

We are changing the production of crude rubber from the primitive and destructive method employed, to the most scientific and economic plan known to modern forestry. No industry has ever underwent so radical a development as we are now engaged in without making immensely wealthy those who accomplished the change. Here is a safe, conservative and permanent investment in an industry new enough to be immensely profitable, yet old enough to have lost all element of risk.

We have 6,175 acres in the state of Chiapas, Mexico—the finest rubber land in the world, and with the finest climate. An acre of rubber trees brought into bearing on our land will produce a net income of from \$200 to \$300 a year for more years than you can possibly live. These figures are not paper estimates and they are not ours. They are based upon results now being actually obtained in scientific rubber culture, and they are proven by the most reliable sources of information in the world—the Government reports of the United States and Great Britain.

There is nothing speculative about crude rubber. It can be sold every day in the year, in every market in the world, at a stable price that has been steadily advancing for many years. For a quarter of a century the world's supply has always been spoken for months before it had reached a civilized market.

The remarkable opportunity is now open for securing shares in this great enterprise, each share representing an undivided interest equivalent to an acre of land in our orchard, on a plan by which we plant and bring this orchard into bearing. There is no large cash down payment, as the purchaser pays for the land in modest monthly instalments running over the development period.

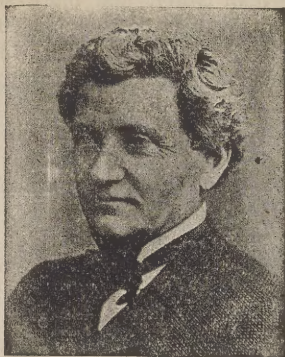
We plant 600 trees to the acre, and "tap to death" 400 of them, getting every ounce of the rubber milk from them and leaving 200 trees to the acre, the normal number for permanent yield. The advantage of this early tapping is that by so doing dividends begin the same year, and are sufficient before the shares are all paid for, to pay your money nearly all back.

Anyone can own such shares, or acres. Supposing you buy only five. You pay \$20 a month for 12 months, then \$10 to \$30 a month for a limited period, until you have paid the full price of the shares in the present series—\$264 each; but during the period of these payments, you will have received dividends amounting to \$210 per share; hence the actual net cost of your shares, or acres, is only \$54 each, and you own real estate then worth at least \$2,500, and from the maturity period onward longer than you can live, your five acres, or shares, will yield you or your heirs a yearly income of \$1,200. This is a most conservative estimate (based on Government reports of the United States and Great Britain,) for 200 trees per acre, and figuring them as yielding each only two pounds of crude rubber per year, a total of 400 pounds at 60 cents net per pound. Of course if you buy 10 shares your income would be \$2,400 yearly, or better still 25 shares, which will yield \$6,000 a year.

If we can prove to you that five shares in this investment, paid for in small monthly instalments, will bring you an average return of TWENTY-FIVE PER CENT ON YOUR MONEY DURING THE PERIOD OF PAYMENT, and will then bring you \$100 A MONTH FOR MORE THAN A LIFETIME, we could not keep you out. Send us \$20 as the first monthly payment to secure five shares—\$40 for 10 shares,—\$100 for 25 shares (\$4 per share for as many shares as you wish to secure.) This opens the door for yourself not to wealth, but to what is far better, a competency for future years, when perhaps, you will not be able to earn it. We already have hundreds of shareholders scattered through 40 States, who have investigated and invested. Our literature explains our plan fully and concisely, and proves every statement. It will be sent to you immediately on request.

On December 15th the price of these shares will be again advanced. Telegraphic reservations for shares at the present price received by December 15th and applications by letter bearing evidence of having been mailed on or before that date, will be honored. All later applications can be filed only at the advanced price.

MUTUAL RUBBER PRODUCTION CO.,
95 A. MILK STREET BOSTON, MASS.



JAMES VICK
Founder and First Editor

VICK'S FAMILY MAGAZINE

VOL. XXVI.

DECEMBER 1902

NO. 10

FIELDS OF FLOWERS IN OREGON.

(Written for Vick's Family Magazine.)

This country is as different as possible in climate and every other respect from our coast home. Union is in a valley up in the Blue Mountains. Whichever way we look, mountains loom up, peak after peak, some snow-capped, some green with the Oregon pine, and others brown like in California. The cloud effects and sunsets here are something wonderful. I never saw such sunsets before, even at the Golden Gate.

The Professor has a horse and buggy and drives all over the country collecting grasses and plants, both the useful ones and the troublesome weeds. He makes photographs of them and dried specimens. He has made about one hundred and forty photographs of grasses. I print and finish the pictures, which work I enjoy very much. I ride with him wherever he goes, over mountain tops, and through canyons where the scenery is beyond the power of my poor pen to describe. The country is full of mountain streams which abound in trout, and every one here goes fishing.

We saw immense fields of the blue Camassia; at a distance they looked like a blue sea. These plants have a bulb which looks just like a small white onion. The Indians use it for food; I am told that they steam and dry it. The white Camassia is not as plentiful; it is said to be a deadly poison.

During one ride over the mountain tops we found a small valley, about 4,000 feet altitude, where were growing acres of white Sunflowers, some pure white and others a delicate cream color. They write from the colleges, and also from Washington, that this has never been reported before.

There is a pink clover here which the Professor says he has never seen but in one other place, in eastern Washington. I have often thought of you when we were riding and would see fields that looked like carpets, so thickly covered were they with different colored flowers.

The rock formations here would be a rich treat to a geologist. One can easily imagine the most picturesque old castles and towers. Photographs can give but little idea of them. In the photograph of the field of Camassia the fence in the fore-ground is what they call a "grasshopper" fence; such are built where it is difficult to dig

post holes. Beyond the fence is the sea of blue Camassia. We never saw Dandelions in California, but this state is over-run with them. A lady told me that her husband's mother brought the first ones to this state and planted them so as to have some "greens."

E. S. Leckenby.

TELLING TIME BY FLOWERS.

(Written for Vick's Family Magazine.)

Over in the French quarter of New Orleans is a judge's house, unattractive outside, but as soon as you get into the broad hall a cool breeze strikes you, laden with the balm of a thousand flowers. The hall leads right through the house, and opens into a regular fairyland of flowers—a garden, the

fact the clock was made up of flowers. In the centre was a pair of hands, of wood, covered with some beautiful vine, but they had nothing, however, to do with the time telling.

The plan was this: The judge had noticed that at almost every hour in the day some plant bloomed, and, working on this principle, he had selected plants of different hours and placed them in a circle, twenty-four in number, one for every hour. For example, at the top of the earthen clock, at twelve o'clock, was planted the portulacca, and he told our friend it would bloom within ten minutes of twelve and rarely miss. At the hours of one, two and three he had different varieties of this same plant, all of which bloomed at the hour opposite which they were planted. At four o'clock he had our common plant of that name, and you all know how you can depend on that. At five the nyctago came out, at six the geranium triste, and at seven the evening primrose. Opposite eight o'clock he had the bon nox and at nine the silent noctiflora—all these blooming at or near the time given. At ten o'clock, if I remember my friend's statement rightly, the judge had a cactus, at eleven another kind, and at twelve the night-blooming cereus.

Half of the year some of the plants do not bloom at all. The plants opposite one and two in the morning were cacti, that bloomed about that time; at three was planted the common salsify, at four the chicory, at five the snow-thistle, and at six the dandelion. This was certainly a unique way of telling the time; something similar might, perhaps, be worked out in other gardens.

G. B. Griffith.



WHITE CAMASSIA.

like of which none who have not seen it ever have dreamed of. It is surrounded by a high wall and has plants in it from every country under the sun. The white-haired old gentleman and his group of grandchildren hanging about him take the visitors about gladly, and first thing the new comers stop at is a large oval plot, set out with small plants around the edge. "This,"—as the judge usually remarks, "is my clock. What time is it, Clara?" is his query of one of the children. One day when a friend of mine was present, the girl ran around the plot and said it was four o'clock, and so it was. The four o'clock was in bloom. In

THE EARTH HAS GROWN OLD.

The earth has grown old with its burden of care,
But at Christmas it always is young;
The heart of the jewel burns lustrous and fair,
And its soul full of music breaks forth on the air,
When the song of the angels is sung.

It is coming, old earth, it is coming tonight!
On the snowflakes that cover thy sod
The feet of the Christ-Child fall gentle and white,
And the voice of the Christ-Child tells out with delight
That mankind are the children of God.

The feet of the humblest may walk in the field
Where the feet of the holiest have trod;
This, this is the marvel to mortals revealed
When the silvery trumpets of Christmas have pealed,
That mankind are the children of God. *Phillips Brooks*



WINTER DECORATIONS.

"This spray of seeded grass, yellow and dry, Plucked in the golden summer, months ago, Still in my vase the pristine grace doth show With which it bore its freightage airily."

When the stormy winter days arrive and fresh flowers are not always obtainable, we begin to appreciate the bright-colored blossoms and fruit which we have, perhaps, gathered in a haphazard sort of way during the summer and fall. When we find how bright and cheery they are, we wish we had more, and resolve to make a business of collecting such material the coming year.

The so-called everlasting flowers make effective decorations for churches and schoolrooms in connection with evergreens, the somber green of which they relieve with their bright colors. Most of the everlastings are annuals and the seed should be sown in the spring. They do not make much show during the summer, but if gathered at the right time and properly dried they will be found veritable treasures for winter decorations. They retain their form and color for years, and can be used over and over again. The blossoms of the everlastings should always be gathered before they are fully open, and some species are prettiest when in bud. They should be picked on a dry day, tied up in small bunches and hung in the shade heads down, so that the stems will dry straight.

The *Acrocliniums*, dainty, straw-like little flowers, pink and white in color; the *Helichrysums* with showy blossoms of white, yellow, and red of many shades deepening into brown; and the *Helipterums* with clusters of small, golden yellow flowers, are all good for decorations. Our wild white everlastings, too, if gathered before they open, are very pretty and work in to advantage with the more showy cultivated varieties.

The *Gypsophilas* and *Statice*, though not everlastings, dry nicely and are very valuable for winter use. Their delicate network of stems and blossoms combines prettily with bright everlastings. The glistening, silvery seedpods of *Lunaria biennis*, popularly known as *Honesty*, or *Money in Both Pockets*, are pretty and showy, either by themselves or with other material.

Some of the ornamental grasses dry nicely and are very pretty when carelessly arranged in a vase. The *Stipa pennata*, or *Feather Grass*, and *Penisetum longistylum* are among the prettiest, and the airy, feather-like panicles of the *Eulalias* are very graceful. Many of the wild grasses are quite as pretty as the cultivated ones. *Eriophorum*, or *Cotton Grass*, which grows in swamps, is very delicate, and, if gathered early enough, will last

several years, retaining all its drooping gracefulness. Wheat and barley dry nicely and are particularly appropriate for Thanksgiving decorations.

The plumose seeds of our native *Clematis*, if gathered before frost touches them, make beautiful ornamentation. Cut sprays of the vines and weave pressed Ferns and Bittersweet berries among the airy, feathery seeds of the *Clematis*, and a very artistic effect will be produced.

Fern fronds can be pressed and attached to curtains or fastened against white or light-tinted walls, and so used make ideal decorations. They will keep green a long time, and still retain their beauty after they have lost their natural color, the faded fronds gradually acquiring a lace-like appearance and becoming almost transparent.

The panicles of *Hydrangea paniculata*, if cut when the blossoms have begun to turn will retain their coloring and afford beautiful bouquets for the mantel in winter. They must not be cut too early or the blossoms will wither. By gathering some when pink, and others later when they have become green, a variety of tints can be secured. Some think they dry best if suspended heads down; others say to arrange them in such vase or receptacle as you wish, and when drying they will shape themselves by contact with each other, producing a graceful effect.

The much-abused perennial sold under the name of *Chinese Lantern Plant*, when growing in the garden is very coarse looking, but when the semi-transparent, balloon-like calyx gradually changes from a light green to a pale yellow, then to orange, and finally to a brilliant red, the plant becomes quite ornamental, and if the branches are cut, hung up and dried heads down, the "lanterns" will retain their bright coloring for an indefinite period. If cut when some of the "lanterns" are green, some shaded yellow and green, and some red, the contrast is very pretty, and if hung where the light shines through them the effect is particularly pleasing. The "lanterns" are so large that they make effective decorations and are well adapted for use in schoolrooms.

The fruit of the *Climbing Bittersweet* is very ornamental. The orange-colored outer covering divides, displaying the bright red berries which keep their color for years. They can be used to advantage with evergreens for Christmas decorations. If the berries become covered with dust, or wither, they can be refreshed by putting them in cold water a few minutes, then drying again.

The *Black Alder* (*Ilex verticillata*) is invaluable for winter use. The berries cluster thickly around the stem and are the most brilliant scarlet imaginable. They retain their vivid color for months and make a striking ornamentation. The dingy walls of an old stone schoolhouse in the country once glowed all winter with their radiance, and the teacher, at least, was cheered with their brightness. The leaves of the Alder soon wither, and the berries make the most effective display when mixed with evergreens. Of late years branches of the *Black Alder* have been offered for sale in the market at Christmas time. The ber-

ries are more lasting than *Holly*, and more satisfactory for decoration. It can be commended to all who wish something both showy and lasting.

The berries of the *Barberry* will keep their bright hue a year or more; drooping sprays of them are very graceful and add a touch of brightness to a room on a dark, gloomy day. When they become dusty they can be restored to brightness in the same way as *Bittersweet* berries.

Only a few of the flowers and fruits which can be used for decoration have been named; many more might be mentioned. One can scarcely take a walk through the fields and woods in the fall without finding an abundance of decorative material, and even yet more or less can be found that will cheat winter of some of its dreariness.

Florence Beckwith.

GREEN IN WINTER.

We are just beginning to find out how comforting to the eyes, and enjoyable, are Foliage plants in winter. In my sitting room, is a family friend, the *Palm Latania*, with arching leaves, measuring a yard around. When the ground is covered with snow, and a cold wind blows without, I draw my rocking chair under *Latania* and dream of summer. The little *Cocos Weddeliana*, with its rich, green arching leaves, is pretty anywhere, but place it in the center of the dining table, and see how the family enjoy the meal. Ferns are a little harder to manage in the living room, but frequent showerings, and extra care are well repaid. A well grown *Umbrella* plant in a large pot, with *Tradescantia*, or *inch plant*, hanging over the edge, is always pleasing and very little trouble; all it asks for is plenty of water in the saucer. The *Begonias*, are refreshingly green and beautiful, even without flowers, also *Grevillia*, and *Abutilons*.

But the florists have prepared for us a most interesting family of plants, the made over *Asparagus*. Last winter, in a corner of my sitting room grew *Sprengeri*. It drooped over the pot in long graceful tendrils, and always brought a smile to a tired face. Then there is dear little *Plumosus*, sometimes called *Lace Fern*, because the dark green foliage is so delicate. I had a genuine surprise over the *Fern ball* which arrived one bleak January day. There was nothing very pretty about it at first, just a lot of moss, bound around with strings, but after it had been soaked and showered and the beautiful fronds came out, we were delighted. These green beauties in our homes through the long stormy Northern winters cause care and work, but they not only enliven us by their beauty, but they are health preservers. The air in the house must be pure to make them grow, and so better for us to breathe. Anna Lyman.



ASPARGUS SPRENGERI.

Night-blooming Cacti

In view of the fact that the blossoms of many species of Cacti are as beautiful as Orchids, that they can be obtained at a low price and will grow anywhere with little or no care, it is surprising that they are so little cultivated. When a plant is in full bloom the possessor is quite envied by her whole circle of acquaintances, many of whom resolve that they will at once procure a similar one, but florists say there is almost no demand for cacti of any kind, and, consequently, but few keep them in stock. And yet, there is no species of plant which requires less care, and none which will give more beautiful returns for labor bestowed. The flowers in many species are truly gorgeous, others are extremely delicate, and one blossom of some varieties will pay for all the care and trouble of years.

Almost the only complaint against the Cactus is, that one sometimes has to keep the plants so long before they bloom; but this is probably because the right treatment is not given them. They should be given but very little water in winter, and a plentiful supply when growth begins in the spring. A plant of a common red variety was once kept fourteen years before it bloomed. Many times the owner threatened to throw it away, but her heart was tender toward all her plants and she could not quite decide to give it up. At the end of the fourteen years it had two large, fine blossoms, and the next year it had a hundred. Needless to say it held its place without dispute after that, and gladdened its owner with a profusion of bloom every year, so long as she lived.

The night blooming species of Cacti are not only beautiful, but particularly interesting on account of their time of opening and the briefness of their bloom. *Cereus grandiflorus*, or Night-blooming Cereus, is probably the best known of them all, but *Phyllocactus latifrons*, or broad-leaved Cactus, is just as beautiful, more easily cared for by the amateur, and in every way satisfactory. It will grow in any good soil, does not require a green house, needs no hot sun, and large plants will produce a succession of blossoms. It will do best if the soil is rich, plenty of water given it while growing, and a slightly shaded place provided during the hot summer months. In winter it should have just enough water to keep it from shriveling up. If a large cutting or branch be inserted in sand and well cared for during the summer it will usually make a satisfactory growth and bloom the second season, and every year following.

The blossoms of the *Phyllocactus latifrons* are very similar to those of *Cereus grandiflorus*; the smooth, large leaves, entirely free from spines, are the most distinguishing feature, the leaves or stems of the *Cereus* being round or angled, with prickles. The *Phyllocactus* blooms in the evening, so it is quite proper to call it a night-blooming Cactus, but it should not be called a night-blooming *Cereus*. The tube of the *Phyllocactus* is very long and slender; at first it is straight, but before it comes into bloom it takes a curious upward turn like a Dutchman's pipe. The outer sepals are a rich reddish brown, the petals a pure, delicate, glistening white. The throat of the flower is lined with a mass of silken stamens which part at the upper side of the blossoms and fall gracefully each way. The pistil, surmounted by a velvety, starlike stigma, rises above the mass of stamens. The blossoms are very fragrant, and each one is a marvel whose delicate beauty grows upon you as you gaze into its heart. The flowers are short-lived, usually beginning to open about

dusk and closing before daylight, but large plants generally have a succession of bloom, affording pleasure for several evenings. When three or more blossoms open at once, the sight is beautiful beyond compare.

A blossom of *Phyllocactus* from a plant belonging to Mrs. Martha Brooks, was brought us the latter part of September. It ought to have bloomed in the night, but for some unexplainable reason,—perhaps because the cold weather checked its growth and caused it to open before it was fully mature, or because it wanted to do something a little different from the ordinary, or, possibly, because it wanted to display its beauty in the full daylight—it opened unexpectedly in the forenoon. The latter reason seems quite plausible, as once before, a few years ago, three large flowers opened all at once in the daytime. This particular blossom was not quite so large as some which



had preceded it an evening or two, but it measured at least six inches across, and was just as beautiful as those which had bloomed at the strictly proper time. It opened about eight o'clock in the morning and was brought to us just at noon. It remained wide open about two hours; then a slight relaxation was noticed in the petals, which soon began to slowly draw closer and closer together at the apex. By five o'clock it was fully closed, with nothing left to convey an idea of the superb beauty which had characterized it, but the recollection of its charms will not soon vanish from those who were so fortunate as to see it.

This year seemed to be a very favorable one for night-blooming Cacti, and many were reported as blossoming in various parts of our city, but this is the only one, so far as we know, which bloomed in the daytime. Its gradual closing was very interesting to witness, and was undoubtedly more easily observed in the daylight; it certainly was a pleasure and a privilege much appreciated.

Florence Beckwith.

THE NIGHT-BLOOMING CEREUS.

(Written for Vick's Family Magazine.)

"Tonight," we said, "tonight it will unfold."
Our eager eyes had watched day after day
The growing bud swell from its mother leaf,
Feeding upon her richest outpoured life;
And now, at last, the longed for hour has come;
We gather round, with bated breath, to see
This queen of night put on her royal crown.

The slender, faint rose-tinted sepals part,
Slowly at first; then, as if gaining strength,
They open wide their circling, clinging arms,
Till on our sight the marvelous beauty beams,
Throbbing and quivering with fresh new life,
Pure as an angel in her robe of white.

Long do we gaze upon the wondrous sight,
Feasting our souls upon its loveliness;
But all too soon our eyes detect a change;
Those filmy petals, first erect and strong,
Hang limp and lifeless, though still passing fair.
Then, as sometimes a slowing closing door
Hides from our sight a well beloved face,
Even so those clinging arms, tightening their grasp,
Hide this fast fading vision of the night.

Josephine P. Osmond.

CHRYSANTHEMUMS AND PANSIES.

(Written for Vick's Family Magazine.)

The finest Chrysanthemums I ever grew were corn fed. This is how it happened. In May I bedded my plants in the open ground, repotting them in August. When doing this I was short of drainage material. Some corn cobs lay at hand and I broke them into pieces and put them in the bottom of the pots, placed on the dirt and potted my plants. Spears of corn kept coming up and I broke them off as fast as they appeared, wondering where all the corn came from until I remembered using the cobs for drainage in a few pots. I had two windows of fine Chrysanthemums. The John Lewis Childs had nine blossoms nine inches across.

A lady of my acquaintance finds that sowing Pansy seed the first of December and laying a window sash over the ground, insures early germination of the seed and profuse blooming plants in the springtime.

Eliza Bradish.

THE SIGNS OF THE SEASONS.

What does it mean when the bluebird flies
Over the hills, singing sweet and clear?
When violets peep through the blades of grass?
These are the signs that spring is here.

What does it mean when berries are ripe?
When butterflies flit, and honey bees hum?
When cattle stand under the shady trees?
These are the signs that summer has come.

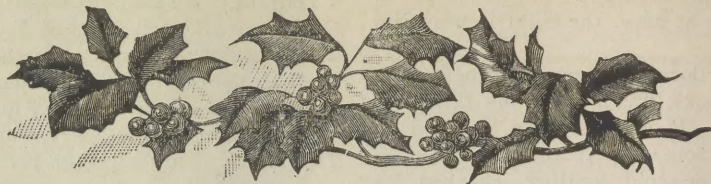
What does it mean when crickets chirp?
And away to the south land the wild geese steer?
When apples are falling, and nuts are brown?
These are the signs that autumn is here.

What does it mean when the days are short?
When the leaves are gone and the brooks are dumb?
When the fields are white with the drifting snows?
These are the signs that winter has come.

The old stars set and the new ones rise,
And skies that were stormy grow bright and clear,
And so the beautiful, wonderful signs
Go round and round with the changing year.

M. E. N. Hathaway.

MID-WINTER FLOWERS AND GREENERY



THE temptation to strip the hot-house of flowers for Christmas and New Year is great. Cut-flowers and fragrant sprigs of tender green are so beautifully appropriate for gifts and for decorations that an amateur is frequently beguiled into the belief that the mission of the green house has been fulfilled when the yield of blooms has met the requisitions of Christmas and New Year; but when the holidays are over the scarcity of blooms will be felt. It is better to cut sparingly, and to make use of the potted plants in bloom, setting them in places to be brightened or decorated. Potted plants in full bloom are available for all decorative schemes, within the home, and ferns as they grow in pots or baskets display their fronds to better advantage than when cut. Palms and rubber or ficus plants are noble in the display of foliage. Cutting the flowers and foliage of specimen plants that have been the recipients of care for months is to be avoided, if the full enjoyment, all winter, is to be realized from the greenhouse. Certain kinds are more available than others for cutting. Soft-wood begonias, particularly Vernon and Dewdrop, bloom so freely that a week or ten days will find them covered again with blooms, after having been closely cropped. Violets do better for frequent cutting. They bloom more freely when every mature blossom is cut, leaving none to form seed. Cyclamen, oxalis and sweet alyssum may be freely cut. They never cease blooming, given proper environments.

Roses, carnations, bouvardias, heliotropes and callas are showy where they bloom, and if possible, meet the requirements for cut flowers, by use of such as bloom in less time. It takes some time for a rose to form its beautiful buds and open its queenly double flowers. It is better to cut the roses only when there are buds advancing to fill the barren places left by cutting. Callas bloom in rapid succession, once started. The corms gather strength from September to December and will then bloom freely for months. Each bloom lasts several weeks, either on the plant or cut. In fact the blooms should not be cut at all. The long stem should be gently but firmly detached from the corm, but not cut.

The amateur does well to mingle evergreens with hot house flowers in decorations. There are some lovely evergreens common to the forest in all parts of the United States. The Holly Fern, or Polypody vulgare, is always fresh and green no matter how severe the winter. Its green fronds defy ice and sleet and actually revel in the snow that forms a blanket over the roots.

Then the aromatic checkerberry or wintergreen and Mitchella repens, or partridgeberry, and the ever-beautiful pipsissewa or ground pine, cost nothing but a delightful woodland ramble, and when brought home, compare favorably with the choicest of winter greenery. Mingled with the soft sweet flowers of hot house growth, the ever-green trophies of the forest are beautifully suggestive, quaint and interesting.

No winter greenery has the prestige and historic interest of the holly. All flower schemes are toned and touched up by the introduction of holly, and the fact is easily substantiated that our American holly is quite as fine as the English which is brought across the ocean by shiploads for holiday use. The Southern States annually send car loads of holly to large cities, in every direction, which forms quite a source of revenue for persons in the rural districts. Judicious care in cutting the flowers and greenery may be ex-



WHITE SUNFLOWERS, (SEE ARTICLE PAGE ONE.)

ercised so that a well-kept hot-house may supply the needs of Christmas and New Year, and continue to be a source of beauty in florescence, cheering the after-season when holiday delights have passed and gone. *Mrs. G. T. Drennan.*

SNOW-FLAKES.

Out of the bosom of the Air,
Out of the cloud-folds of her garments shaken,
Over the woodlands brown and bare,
Over the harvest-fields forsaken,
Silent, and soft, and slow
Descends the snow.

This is the poem of the air
Slowly in silent syllables recorded;
This is the secret of despair,
Long in the cloudy bosom hoarded,
Now whispered and revealed
To wood and field. *Longfellow.*

ORIGIN AND CUSTOMS OF CHRISTMAS.

(Written for Vick's Family Magazine.)

CHRISTMAS is the most popular of all holidays. It is also the most generally observed over the world. Its high and holy significance is generously accorded by the Christian churches, albeit there is no direct evidence that Christ was born on the 25th of December. This day was set apart and celebrated further back than history can trace. It was so distinguished in the latter part of the second century in the reign of Commodus. Diocletian, a century afterward, while keeping court at Nicomedia, ordered the churches set on fire and all the Christians burned to death who had assembled to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Despite persecution, Christians clung to the dear belief, and held sacred service on every recurring Christmas Eve.

The early churches differed in the dates of observance, some one month after New Years, some others, but all seeming to agree upon the season when the shepherds of Judea were wont to watch their flocks by night and to observe the stars. The final, irrevocable decision of all churches upon the 25th of December was induced by various causes, one of which seems to have been a conciliatory disposition to humor the pagan nations in their universal custom of celebrating the winter solstice. They believed that to be the great time of the gods to bestow good gifts, their belief arising from the renewed forces and activities of nature incident to the season. The heathen gods were nothing more than the obscure personification and symbolism of what Christian intelligence and charity expresses as "Peace on earth, good will to men."

The early churches spiritualized and purified the customs, adopting such usages as might express the love of Christian followers for the Saviour at any season. The angels sang over Bethlehem, hence Christmas carols by the sweet voices of children were inaugurated. Christmas carols ushered in the dawn as on the plains of Judea when—

"Cold on His cradle the dewdrops were lying,
Low lay His head with the beasts of the stall,
Angels adored Him in slumber reclining,
Maker and Monarch and Saviour of all."

The Puritan Parliament in 1630 abolished Christmas carols, and instituted the Psalms of King David arranged as carols. These were unsuited to young

voices and minds, and were never popular. Midnight chimes superseded the carols. English and Continental churches first, and then American, roused the sleeping world on Christmas eve, by the bells pealing forth in musical tones and silvery chimes the Christ-Child's birth. These chimes ever have resounded and ever will resound the wide world over, beautiful in symbolism, high and holy.

It has been said often and over and over, that the American people have too few holidays. The most pessimistic are forced, however, to admit that Christmas as a holiday, beginning with the midnight chimes, is heartily, religiously, rationally, generously, and socially very generally observed. From the fir forests of Canada to the silvery sands of the Gulf of Mexico, in its length and breadth, the New World has followed the

(Continued on page thirty-nine.)



Talks About Flowers

By
BENJAMIN B. KEECH



FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

The prevailing custom of presenting one's friends with flowers at Christmas time is certainly worthy of encouragement. Flowers are acceptable to most persons at any time in the year, but especially so when the outside world is wrapped in snow. A choice plant presented with the best wishes of the season, naturally partakes of an added charm. It doesn't matter whether the recipient has all the plants she can decently care for or not; if she is a genuine flower lover, she will hail the additional treasure with joy and many thanks; for any plant from any place is regarded with favor by those who would rather have flowers than nice, clean desolate rooms.

And then, there are the people that love flowers but, for some reason or other, cannot have them. Would they appreciate a fine, blooming plant, along at this time of year? Try them and see. Perhaps you know of a family, the members of which are driven with work from morning till night. If so, present them with a bright faced, good natured hyacinth or two, and see if something doesn't happen. Under the influence of the flower the mother will partially forget her cares, and perhaps even the baby will cease to protest against the difficulties of life. May be there are shut-ins that would appreciate a fine, blossoming plant, even though they have already been provided with a number. After all, it isn't the gift, but the spirit that prompts it, that counts. If you know of some discouraged person that sees only the dark side of things, make him see the other side by presenting him with a dish of daffodils, for instance. Some weary dressmaker that lives up in the eighth story, spoils her eyes for ten hours each day and sees nothing but the "seamy" side of things, will thank you from the bottom of her heart for a choice plant or two in full bloom. Blue people and black people, good, bad, and indifferent people will all be more or less benefited by a floral remembrance at this season of the year. There is no question but what flowers can accomplish a great deal, and if you decide to give any away, give to those who need them. There is just one class of people that I would not load with flowers: those who have plenty of time and money to grow them, but who rather depend on some one else for bouquets, whenever they want them.

I regard bulbs as about the most satisfactory flowers to present to one's friends, as gifts. Unless the weather is freezing, hyacinths, daffodils, etc., may be carried out-doors and in, without being harmed, and this cannot be done with all plants. Let the specimens be either in full bloom or nearly so. If the recipient is inclined to be critical, dress the pots or tin cans in crepe paper, ruffling the upper edge and holding it in place by a dab or two of mucilage and a band of ribbon. The paper may be of a dull green color, which is always in good taste, and the ribbon the same shade as the flowers. If wide ribbon is used, only one band and a bow will do; otherwise two bands will be better. Or better still, order some of the new paper jardinières advertised on page sixteen of the November Vick's. Wrap the whole thing in clean, white paper, attach a sprig of holly and present.

Another very acceptable way to present bulbs is to give them away before they are potted. As late as December many seedsmen have fine, strong hyacinths, etc., left over from their fall supply, and a few dozens of these could be procured and

distributed as suggested. Form them into neat, Christmas packages and either mail or deliver them to your friends. Here is where you can remember your friend out West or your friend down East. If you are packing a box of provisions for some distant relative, do not omit to include a few bulbs along with the other food; for, while canned meats and vegetables may feed the body, potted hyacinths and tulips will feed the soul, and are therefore of a great deal of consequence.

In presenting bulbs to people who have never grown them before, it might be advisable to include a few concise directions for their care. Your own experience, or a copy of some good floral publication would prove acceptable. Which leads me to say that while you are presenting your friends with flowers, why not give them, at the same time a year's subscription to some enterprising floral magazine, that will help and encourage them in their gardening operations? If you decide to do this, remember that Vick's is second to none.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS.

At Christmas time nearly all wide-awake people take pride in slicking up, and adding flowers and



foliage to contribute to the season's cheer. If their efforts are not directed toward adorning their living rooms, perhaps they are interested in decorating the church in as tasty and pleasing a manner as possible, and at as little expense. "But," says someone, "in order to decorate our church in a tasty and pleasing manner, we shall have to be at expense. The palms and cut flowers alone will amount to quite a sum, and then there will be the help." To which may be replied that if the different members of a church can agree to furnish all necessary material from their homes, and if four or more persons of good taste and good judgment will take the work in charge, the church may be decorated in such a way as to rival its costlier neighbors, and at no expense.

Of course, in some cases it may be necessary to hire some of the work done, but generally speaking, the expense will be light. Cut flowers and other costly accessories are not necessary; and in rural communities one may depend largely on the woods and fields to furnish them with abundant

and beautiful material, especially if the weather is freezing or for any other reason choice house plants cannot be had. It is sometimes a good thing that a large amount of decorative material is out of the question, because if the church is small and the work of decorating is in the hands of incompetent persons who will use everything they can get, the resulting effect will be anything but reposeful and harmonious. As suggested before, the work should be undertaken by persons of artistic taste, good judgment and common sense. A committee should preferably be chosen, and the advice of the leader relied on and carried out.

Do not let the entire congregation assist in the decorating; do not try to make any intricate patterns and designs; do not depend too much on long strands of foliage, draped here and there; do not mass all of the plants in a solid bank; do not stand them in straight, stiff rows; do not place them in any one's way, and do not think that you are obliged to use everything brought to the church. To do so would very likely be a mistake, and if you should not discover it, some critical person would. Select only the choicest of everything and reject all that cannot be profitably worked into the scheme of decoration. Have a mental picture—or better still, one on paper—of how you desire the place to look, and then make it look that way.

The pulpit is the main point of attraction and most of the choicest plants, both blossoming and otherwise should be disposed of here. Generally, I would mass them into a more or less solid bank, with evergreens, palms or other tall plants at the back, and grade them down as to height, until the smallest ones are in front. Ground pine or other trailing vines may be worked in among the pots with good effect. It is much easier to say, "avoid formality" than it is to go to work and avoid it, but wherever possible, arrange your plants so they will not appear stiff, staid and stolid. If the front of the altar is curved, you will be able to create a much better effect than otherwise; but if it is straight it may be made to appear better by forming the plants in a sort of half-circle around its base.

Evergreens and tall palms may be used to advantage back of the choir; here artificial palms, which would not appear well at close range, may be profitably disposed of. Upon the wall, have an appropriate motto, if you wish. Let the letters be plain and reasonably large. If the background is dark, cover them with some soft, white material; if light, cover with holly or small evergreen twigs. A star, cut from pasteboard and covered with brightly colored Autumn leaves may be placed above the motto, or at the back of the church or elsewhere, where it may be needed. The windows may usually be draped with pretty trailing vines; do not overload them and do not reproduce the same form of arrangement more than once if it can be avoided. Scarlet berries or rose tips placed against a dark wealth of foliage, will create a pleasing effect. They may often take the place of geraniums or other bright-flowered plants.

SEASONABLE SUGGESTIONS.

Perhaps the plants that you put in the window garden a month or two ago are beginning to turn yellow, look sickly and refuse to grow, much less blossom. Perhaps in mistaken kindness you are

(Continued on page thirty-eight.)

Through Fields and Woodlands

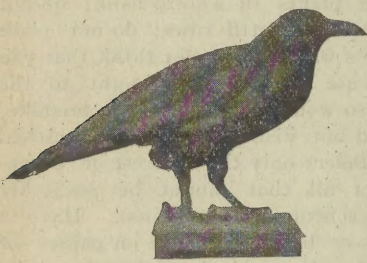
BY N. HUDSON MOORE



"A crow that flies in heaven's sweetest air."

In the summer time when there are so many creatures feathered or gauzy winged, hard-shelled or creeping to attract our attention we are apt to overlook the crow, one of the most intelligent of birds. Like the blue jay he has a bad name, but also like the jay he has his good points, though some prejudiced detractors will not allow him even one.

To get over the worst at the beginning we must allow that he is called a coward and a thief. It must be admitted that the crow is rather heavy and clumsy on the wing, and finds his only refuge from the sharp bills of smaller and more active birds in closely foliated trees, or in some thick set bush where he



MR. CROW.

can shake off these pests. But when the safety of his offspring is in question he is not at all afraid to fight, and makes a good and devoted parent, surely an admirable trait. It is at this period, when there are young in the nest, that he robs other nests for tender morsels to feed his own clamorous brood, whose requirements in the matter of food might appal even so resourceful a provider as the crow.

In regard to this particular species of birds it is very difficult not to read into their ways human attributes, a practice much frowned down upon by many naturalists. We can only apply our own standards to their actions, and these most intelligent



MRS. CROW'S EGG. NATURAL SIZE.

birds seem to reason, to study cause and effect and in getting their food outwit the craftiest devices of the farmer.

During the breeding season the number and variety of their notes is most varied, of course, but at all times they are capable of expressing their emotions. Like all other black colored birds their voices are harsh and rasping, the fish crow which frequents our coast being the worst offender, and the raven so plentiful in the West and Southwest coming next. Why a bad voice should be associated with a sober coat one cannot tell, yet even the redwinged black bird with his gorgeous touches of scarlet and gold can make his flute very rasping on occasion, while the grackles sweetest note, the one he reserves for courting days, is little better than that emitted by a creaking door, and the English starlings becoming so abundant in New York City and along the Hudson, have a note which you must strain a point to call agreeable.

A small settlement of crows still make their home near mine, in some tall trees beside an old

barn, all that remains of a farm, now gobbled up by "improvements," streets, houses, trolley-lines and electric wires. When I first became acquainted with these crows some years ago they were five in number, two couples and one bachelor, I fancied. Now they number eight; four couples happily mated, we will assume. Why the increase is so slow it is hard to say for the usual clutch of eggs varies from four to six. There were but two young raised this year, and one spent the whole of a July morning on our lawn following the man with the mowing machine, and gathering such a supply of tasty morsels that he expressed his satisfaction in a low, fluent commentary as he walked along. I tried many times to persuade him to let me lift him in my hands, but though he permitted my near approach, even went so far as to take some bits of cracked corn from my fingers, he always gave a flying hop just out of reach every time I endeavored to touch him. So it was necessary to admire him at a distance; to marvel at the splendid iridescence which showed on his back and sides; to note the intelligent eye which kept me always in range, and his dexterity in picking bugs and worms from the grass-roots.

As a part of the winter landscape crows make a wonderfully picturesque note against the dull gray sky; and even increase its beauty when they are thrown out in silhouette against a winter sunset. A youthful correspondent thinks it strange that I should like crows, writing that "they are bold birds and come down and eat my turkey's eggs," not only this but refused to desist till hit with a stick. To call a cat that drinks unguarded cream, or a bird that eats eggs or corn a thief has always seemed to me a gross misuse of the term. They feel hunger, seek to gratify it, and if their favorite tidbit lies close and handy by, why should they not benefit by it? Before we can expect to improve their morals we must eradicate instinct. While the instinct of the crow leads him to eat birds' eggs and even young birds and corn, it also leads him to eat each year hundreds of thousands of grubs and worms which would work incalculable damage to the crops. For this valuable work it is only the more enlightened farmers who give him credit. They forget how he followed the plow during the raw March days, disposing of creatures that had hardly uncurled from their winter's nap, and remember only his misdemeanors in the cornfield.

The fish crow found on the sea board and by our great lakes, treads the wet sand with its toes in search of the small sea-food on which it lives, making with the gull which circles high above it the only living creatures in a lonely landscape. How much courage it must take to gather a meal under such adverse circumstances. The coat of the fish crow is glossier than that of the common crow and he is smaller and less heavily built.

The raven, while not common along the Atlantic States is familiar in the West. He has played a more dignified part in literature at least than the crow, yet he has quite as many bad traits.

Of the crow family which includes Jays, Magpies, Jackdaws, etc., there are about 200 members, but in the eastern part of North America we find only about half a dozen. The resting place at night and the nesting-place are not always the same with our crows, but they use the same nest year after year. Early in the spring you will find them giving the nest a hurried cleaning, and, if out of repair, a repatching with bits of grapevine fibre, twigs, etc., before the eggs are laid therein.

Sometimes, but not often, a hawk will take possession of a crow's nest and lay in it beautifully speckled eggs. Perhaps of all its enemies the crow most fears and detests a hawk. On



HOME OF MR. AND MRS. CROW.

sighting one it gives a peculiar cry, almost a snort, and turning more hastily than you would think possible flies off to warn his comrades.

Crows are not the only birds one may find in December; an occasional sparrow-hawk, woodpeckers, nuthatches, and chickadees make a cheerful racket at odd times in the garden when they come to eat the suet, and peck at the bones which are tied on convenient trees.

Often at night you may hear the plaintive cry of the little Screech Owl quivering through the stillness, and once in a great while comes the hoot of some larger owl.

After the first snow a walk on the edge of the woods, near water, or even across a meadow will show what many of the little creatures that live hereabouts are doing. We may see the curious track of the little brown rabbit, "Molly Cotton-tail," though there are more of these to be seen on Long Island than in other parts of New York State. There also the wavering path of the field mouse, who has taken a last trip for any odds and ends of winter stores which she has previously neglected. The musk-rat, too, has made some journeys into the world from his snug quarters, and in the icy



LITTLE SCREECH OWL.

water some beetles are circling about in what looks like a vain endeavor to keep warm. Even a butterfly may be found on the sunnyside of the wood-pile and it seems impossible that so frail a creature can stand the severe cold of winter, yet he will, and be one of the first signs of the spring to greet you in the boisterous and windy month of March.

FREE 100,000 SAMPLE PACKAGES

Malta-Vita

"The Perfect Food"

Requires no cooking

Always ready to eat



More careful research along the line of healthful foods has been made in the last few years than in any fifty years heretofore. The tremendous increase in the number of people afflicted with dyspepsia and all forms of stomach trouble has caused physicians to study conditions to find out what is the reason for this alarming state of affairs. It has been clearly proven that it may be directly traced to the food we eat. The system can assimilate only a limited amount of meat and when eaten in excess, our digestive organs must be affected and the most serious consequences follow. Dyspepsia cures and other patent medicines cannot reach the cause of these evils. Good digestion can only be maintained by the use of perfect food properly prepared.

Read These Testimonials:

Why He Likes MALTA-VITA

Mr. A. Bisset Thom, of Goodrich, Ont., Can., writes: "Gentlemen:—I cannot refrain from writing to compliment you on your discovery of such an excellent food as MALTA-VITA, and to bear my testimony to it as one of the very best and most palatable foods for all who suffer from dyspepsia and indigestion. I have for two years been greatly troubled with these two ills, and have taken all sorts of medicines at various times without much benefit. I also tried nearly all the other foods put on the market, but never liked any of them until seeing a packet of MALTA-VITA on the table of the hotel at which I was boarding this summer. I tried it and found it not only most palatable, but highly beneficial, and from that day have never failed to have a good dish of it at breakfast. We all like it, as you will understand when I tell you that my wife, myself and our two children get away with three packages a week. This testimonial is given by me of my own free will and accord and entirely unsolicited."

Suffered for Years from Insomnia and Indigestion

Mr. M. M. Lewis, Contractor and Builder at Battle Creek, Mich., writes:—"For years I have suffered from indigestion and insomnia. When your food came upon the market, I began using it with marked effect. I received almost immediate relief and it has proved permanent. I still continue to eat MALTA-VITA and recommend it to everybody. MALTA-VITA has made me a well man and I am working at my profession with comfort."

Could Keep Nothing On His Stomach

Mr. Harry P. Haugh, of Winston Salem, N. C., writes as follows:—"I have been using MALTA-VITA for the past week with very beneficial results. Had a bad spell of indigestion and dyspepsia, and could get nothing to stay on my stomach. I am now making three meals a day of MALTA-VITA and I like it; especially for its palatable taste, and the fact that it is so readily assimilated by a weak stomach."

indigestion or any trouble whatsoever arising from any failure of the digestive organs just try one package of MALTA-VITA. In most cases great relief is experienced at the end of the first week. MALTA-VITA tones, through the stomach, the whole system and makes life for the dyspeptic worth living.

MALTA-VITA Prevents Dyspepsia

The weakest stomach can easily take care of and digest all the MALTA-VITA that the strongest person could eat. The scientific manner in which it is prepared relieves the stomach of a whole lot of hard work without robbing the system of the nourishment it must have. Brain workers and those who are called on to perform but little manual labor can get the best results from their brains by assisting their stomachs as much as possible. This is just what MALTA-VITA does. No bilious attacks, no headaches, no sluggish livers are found among those who eat MALTA-VITA. Get your stomach right—eat MALTA-VITA—and the brain will perform all you call on it to do.

There Is Nothing "Just as Good" as MALTA-VITA

There is no substitute for MALTA-VITA—there is nothing just as good. When you ask your grocer for it, be sure that you get MALTA-VITA. Don't let him give you something that he claims is just as good. Try MALTA-VITA first. Have the children try it, and then you will be satisfied with nothing else. MALTA-VITA satisfies and builds up the system as nothing else can. Several tons of it are shipped from our factories every day and the demand is always on the increase. That's because it is cheap and gives satisfaction. Every customer is a pleased customer and every package we sell helps us to sell ten packages. That's why we can afford to send out so many free samples. All we ask of you is to try it—try it at our expense.

What MALTA-VITA Is

MALTA-VITA is a perfect food, made from the **whole wheat**, thoroughly cooked, scientifically cured, **perfectly malted**, flaked and toasted. It is put up in convenient packages that insure its reaching the housewife in perfect condition, and is ready to serve the minute the package is opened. It requires no cooking or preparation of any kind—simply add a little cream or milk and sugar to taste. It contains all the food elements necessary to insure perfect growth, sustain life and regulate the entire system. Its flavor is that of wheat, dainty and palatable; you will relish it from the first mouthful. Hundreds of thousands of people are using it regularly and prefer it to any other single article of food.

When MALTA-VITA Should Be Eaten

BREAKFAST—There is no longer any need for the housewife to worry about what she will prepare for breakfast. No need to get up hours before breakfast time in order to have the morning meal ready. MALTA-VITA is always ready. No more nourishing article of food is known. Nothing compares with it for the morning meal. It sustains the bodily strength for the hard-working man or woman and keeps children strong and healthy.

DINNER—Our up-to-date cook book, called "Seventy-two Dainty Dishes," (which we send free with every package) gives a large number of appetizing desserts that are easily prepared by combining MALTA-VITA with fruits, nuts and jellies, making different desserts that are satisfying and healthful.

SUPPER—For Supper there is nothing that induces the sound, satisfying sleep like a bowl of MALTA-VITA. Children grow robust and strong on it and prefer it to anything else for supper.

MALTA-VITA Removes the Cause of Dyspepsia

Dyspepsia simply cannot be where MALTA-VITA is eaten. Indigestion is unknown among those who use it for breakfast and supper. If all the dyspeptics in the country would eat MALTA-VITA twice a day for three months the disease would be practically unknown at the end of that time. If you're troubled with dyspepsia or

TWENTY-EIGHT CASH PRIZES

There is One for You

We want your help in getting out our new Cook Book. We want recipes for the newest, daintiest and best dishes that can be made with MALTA-VITA. Get a package of MALTA-VITA and see what you can do; send us a recipe; we will pay you for it.

OUR OFFER

We are giving 28 Cash Prizes for the best twenty-eight recipes for dishes made from MALTA-VITA as follows:

One of \$10.00; two of \$5.00 each, five of \$2.00 each; twenty of \$1.00 each.

Get your friends to suggest a new dish and try it. This contest is creating a lot of interest and enthusiasm. You should be a competitor. There is a splendid chance for you to win the Ten Dollar Prize.

FREE

Send us your name and address and we will send you absolutely **FREE** a sample package of *Malta-Vita* (enough for two meals) and also a copy of our up-to-date Cook Book called "72 Dainty Dishes."

MALTA-VITA PURE FOOD CO., 254-304 Angell St., Battle Creek, Mich.

A Slight Mistake

By A. S. Falkner

We were smoking on the balcony of Gibson's quarters one sweltering hot day—sweltering even in the hills of northern Luzon—when somehow the conversation turned on marriage. Ramsdell had just announced his engagement to pretty Miss Jackson, and was talking the most utter rubbish about their telepathic sympathy.

"You remember the time when I was home on sick leave?" he said. "Well, I knew all the time what Nellie was doing—when she was writing to me or wishing I was with her. Wasn't that queer?"

"It was," we assented dryly, for we had a distinct recollection of the said Nellie's flirtation with young McGrath at that particular time, and wondered how it was that telepathy had failed to communicate that little incident to her *fiance* away in the States. Certainly for quite a month poor Dick McGrath had seldom been absent from her side.

"Yes," went on Ramsdell, "they say that marriages are made in Heaven, and I'm inclined to believe they are."

He lighted a fresh cigar and gazed dreamily out over the valley below. Poor old Ramsdell! He was hard hit, and no mistake.

"Humph!" remarked the Major, from the depths of his chair. "If some marriages are made in Heaven, some are also made—elsewhere! Look at the Eversleys! Was there ever a more unhappy marriage? Look at poor old Hilton! look at Grant; look at—oh, any number of them! Their marriages weren't made in Heaven anyhow!"

"Marriage is all a matter of opportunity," muttered Beasley, whose third wife had nursed him through typhoid fever before he married her. And most of us agreed with him.

Hitherto Gibson had been silent, and Beasley remarked on it, for it was by no means a usual occurrence.

"Gibson's evolving some new theory from the depths of his inner consciousness," suggested Ramsdell. "Come, old man, give us the benefit of it! What's your opinion?"

Gibson's gray eyes twinkled.

"Well," he answered slowly, "before I give my opinion on the subject, I should like to tell you how I met my wife. We're old friends, and I know you won't let it go any farther—she mightn't like it, perhaps."

We solemnly assured him that no torture, however horrible, should ever wring his secret from us; so, clearing his throat a trifle nervously, he began.

"I've been out here ever since the battle of Manila. During that period I've been home once, just two years ago."

He chuckled softly at the remembrance, while we waited breathlessly. Gibson's stories were always worth listening to.

"How time does fly! But to continue! My old friend Hammond saw me off at Manila, and just before the ship sailed he came up to me—he had been talking to the captain, whom he knew—and said—

"I say, Gib, old man, here's a lark! You're going home with a lunatic—a Miss Godwin, the sister of Bob Godwin, of the Quartermaster's Department. They're sending her home in the care of a female attendant. I don't believe she's vio-

various sizes; and a sprinkling of young and middle aged men of different professions. 'Not very interesting!' I thought. Certainly there was the pretty girl. But what was one pretty girl among so many men?"

"Half an hour later there emerged from the companion-way two figures which instantly riveted my attention. One was a girl of about twenty-one, tall and slender, yet not a whit too thin; in short, her figure seemed to me perfection. Yes, I hear you, Carson, and you're quite right—this is the heroine of the piece.

"She had the delicate complexion which so often goes with beautiful auburn hair, and her eyes were gray—deep and expressive and starry. Forgive my rhapsodies—they really were lovely! Her costume was very simple, but it suited her—a blue serge coat and skirt, a pale blue shirt-waist and white sailor hat and she carried a parasol and a novel. Her companion was also rather tall, but thin and nervous-looking. Her gray green eyes seemed to me to be always furtively watching the girl at her side, and her lips had a sort of nervous twitch about them. I put her down as being about thirty-six, but apart from her position beside the other, she did not interest me at all. Certainly if that was Miss Godwin she did not look crazy, but, as I reflected with a sigh, you can never tell. The sanest-looking man I ever knew now dwells

in the seclusion of a padded room.

"Rather to my alarm the two ladies advanced in my direction and sat down a few paces from me. I turned away and looked toward the land we were leaving behind us, but soon an irresistible impulse made me glance towards the girl, and I found that her eyes were fixed on me in a sort of an absent-minded stare. I shivered. Lunatics always fixed their eyes on people just like that. I don't know whether it was fancy or not, but when I resumed my land-gazing I still seemed to feel those eyes looking at me and Hammond's warning flashed across my mind. Was she going to fall in love with me? I had heard that lunatics were susceptible and I began to consider what I could do to avert such a catastrophe. I gazed round and at that moment the girl dropped her book. I was bound in common civility to pick it up for her, and, as I did so, I saw her name written on the fly-leaf—'Roma Goodwin,' 'Goodwin!' Hammond must have made a mistake. It was not likely that there would be a Miss Goodwin and a Miss Godwin on board, both insane and each under the charge of a female attendant. I smiled involuntarily at the idea, and handed the book to its owner. She smiled at me half shyly and murmured a gentle 'thank you.' Lunatics always smile queerly, you know!

(Continued on page thirty-two.)



GRASSHOPPER FENCE. FIELD OF BLUE CAMASSIA BEYOND. (See article page one.)

lent; still I don't envy you. Beware, Gib, beware! They say that lunatics are dreadfully jealous, and you're an awfully good-looking chap, you know!"

Here Gibson modestly remarked—

"Mind, that was only what he said; I don't suppose he meant it really! Well, when I heard that there was to be a lunatic—however harmless—aboard I began to feel squeamish. I've been afraid of them all my life—men and women, it's all the same; they give me a sort of creepy horrid feeling all down my spine. I've heard that I was frightened by a madman when I was quite a little chap, which perhaps accounts for it, but I'd rather go into action any day than face one, so you may imagine how I felt then. However, the 'go ashore' bell rang, and I had only time to say 'Good-bye' to Hammond before he stepped into the boat to be rowed ashore. I scrutinized the faces of my fellow passengers, but I could not see any one who suggested the insane Miss Godwin to my mind. They were the ordinary class of passengers—officers or speculators—two of whom appeared to be the possessors of wives and daughters, one of the last a very pretty girl of about nineteen; a few ladies who had probably left their husbands on shore; a whole family, consisting of father, mother, and half a dozen children of



"Merry Christmas"

Merry Christmas now is here,
Brightest time of all the year,
Gentle words and greetings gay
From friend to friend on Christmas day.

Twine the Laurel and the Bay
With the Hollyberries gay,
Deck the walls with garlands bright
On merry, merry Christmas night.

M. E. W.

A HERO IN AN UNFOUGHT BATTLE.

BY HELEN HOLMES BLAKE.

There was no more doubt about it. Betsy was lost. Ned had looked in the cow-yard, in the shed, and the stable, but not a sign of her did he find. He missed her from the pasture behind the house when he came home to dinner. After satisfying his hunger, he had made a thorough search of the premises. She was not there, that was certain. Where she was, Ned knew it was his duty to find out. This duty was the very thing he least wished to do.

Ned's father was a soldier. It was now a year since his regiment had gone to the Philippines. Just before he left home he said to Ned, in a private talk:

"You're almost eleven years old, and you're big and strong enough to help your mother a great deal. I want you to do everything you can for her while I am gone. You'll be the only man about the house, and I want you to be a *real* man."

Ned's ideas about what made a "real man" were rather hazy. But he knew quite well what to do to help his mother, and he lived up to his knowledge so well that Mrs. Long had written, only the day before: "Ned is a real little man; you would be delighted with him. He is grown so thoughtful and helpful."

Today Ned was to have the sharpest trial that had yet come to him. His mother had gone out to do some dress-making, and Ned had permission to do just what he pleased all day. He had had a jolly morning with some of the boys, and right after dinner they were to go fishing—six of them—to Miller's pond, which was two miles from Ned's home. And now the cow was missing. That was a situation for a boy with a fishing excursion before him! Ned sat on the fence and thought. His hands were plunged deep in his trousers pockets; his face was all puckered up into a frown, and he did not whistle,—a sure sign that

something was wrong. Just now he was thinking, and thinking hard, something like this:

"We can't get home from fishin' till five o'clock anyway, and mother'll want Betsy by half-past; maybe it'll take me two or three hours to find her; maybe I wouldn't find her at all tonight. Then mother'll be worried. I can't go fishin' if I wait to find that cow now. Oh! I've got to find her anyhow; there's no use talkin' 'bout that. 'Twouldn't be much like a man to go off playin' when your cow was lost. What I don't know about's whether to go and tell the boys I can't go with them, or let them wait awhile, and then go off without knowin' why I don't come. I hate to tell them! I know well enough what Dick'll say: 'Let the cow go to Ballyhack, and come fishin'. You can find her all right tonight.' That's so; I might, and then, again, I mightn't. Well, here goes! I'll tell them, so they won't be losing time waiting for me. It seems too mean to sneak out of telling them, just because I was afraid they'd stop my doing what I've got to. I'll be man enough to let them know I'm going to stay at home and hunt up the cow."

Thereupon Ned began to whistle so loud that he did not hear the bell down the road, nor the hallo of a small boy, who was driving a cow. The boy had to repeat the hallo, and add besides, "Say, Ned, are you deaf?" before Ned paid any heed.

"Hallo!" he shouted; "where'd you find her?"

"Just beyond the turn of the road. Say, have you been all this time eating your dinner?"

"No! I'm awful glad you've found Bets, else I couldn't have gone fishin'."

"Wouldn't your mother let you?"

"She ain't home. I wouldn't have let myself."

"H'm!" was Dick's comment; and he added, below his breath, "You're a brick, Ned."

Sunday School Times.

DECEMBER

BAYARD TAYLOR.

The beech is bare, and bare the ash,
The thickets white below;
The fir-tree scowls with hoar mustache,
He cannot sing for snow.

The body-guard of veteran pines,
A grim battalion, stands;
They ground their arms, in ordered lines,
Eor Winter so commands.

The waves are dumb along the shore,
The river's pulse is still;
The north wind's bugle blows no more
Reveille from the hill.

The rustling sift of falling snow,
The muffled crush of leaves,
These are the sounds suppressed, that show

How much the forest grieves.

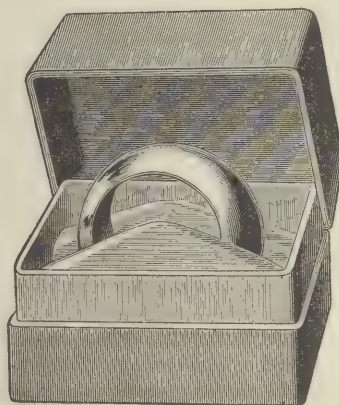
But, as the blind and vacant day
Crawls to its ashy bed,
I hear dull echoes far away
Like drums above the dead.

Sigh with me, Pine, that never changed!

Thou wear'st the summer's hue;
Her other loves are all estranged,
But thou and I are true!



REGISTRATION APPLIED FOR.



FREE BISQUE DOLL

Girls, Do you wish to earn a beautiful Bisque Doll, also a lovely bracelet and ring? If so, send us your FULL name and address and we will send 20 cards of our jewelry novelties, postpaid, sell them at 10 cents per card and return us \$2.00, and we will send you, all charges prepaid, one of the most beautiful dolls ever given away, together with a beautiful turquoise bracelet and a gold finished ring. This doll is nearly

ONE-HALF YARD TALL

and has a turning bisque head, lovely curly hair, pearly teeth, natural sleeping eyes, jointed body, real slippers, stockings, etc., and is completely dressed from head to foot. Understand this is not a printed cloth or rag doll, or a cheap plaster of Paris doll, such as some concerns give, but a real sleeping BISQUE DOLL nearly

ONE-HALF YARD TALL

together with a bracelet and ring. Positively these three presents given for selling only two dollars' worth of novelties. Take notice: We prepay all express and mailing charges on our premiums. Write to-day and be sure to send your FULL name and address, if you wish to earn one of these beautiful dolls. Address,

THE BISQUE DOLL CO.,
Dept. D 5, Bridgeport, Conn.



THE MOTHER'S MEETING

By Victoria Wellman

"God could not be everywhere—so He made Mothers."

Dwell Deep.

Dwell deep! The little things that chafe and fret
O waste not golden hours to give them heed!
The slight, the thoughtless wrong, do thou forget!
Be self-forgotten in serving other's need.
Thou faith in God through love for man shall
keep.

Dwell deep! Forego the pleasure if it bring
Neglect of duty; consecrate each thought;
Believe thou in the good of everything,
And trust that all unto the wisest end is
wrought.

Bring thou this comfort unto all who weep.
Dwell deep, my soul, dwell deep!

Busy Mothers.

That Christmas may be certain of its traditional merriment necessitates that busy mothers should be even busier, and not allowing the eleventh hour to surprise them with some unheard of, undreamed emergency, shall lessen the strain sure to be encountered by an early beginning and by not choosing elaborate gifts or dinners to burden and annoy. An overburdened mother will not feel physically able to be the leader and Queen of all Christmas sports unless their "spiritual" graces exceed their physical. The dinner may be perfect, the gifts many, but on Christmas Day, if ever, what is Home without a Mother. So let one gift be—sunniness and kind words, equal parts, a home made sweet.

Amusement of children is over estimated. Shall children be made self-

TELL ME WHO NEEDS HELP

No Money Is Wanted.

To aid a sick friend, will you tell me the book he needs? Will you simply write a postal card, if I will do this?

I will mail the sick one an order—good at any drug store—for six bottles Dr. Shoop's Restorative. He may take it a month at my risk. If it succeeds, the cost is \$5.50. If it fails, I will pay the druggist myself.

That month will show if the remedy can cure. If the sick one is then disappointed, the test shall not cost him a penny.

I have furnished my Restorative to hundreds of thousands in that way, and 39 out of each 40 got well, and have paid for it.

It is a remarkable remedy that can stand a test like that, and I have spent a lifetime on it. It is the only remedy that strengthens the inside nerves—those nerves which alone operate the vital organs. There is positively no other way to make weak organs well.

My book will convince you. You will not wonder then why this offer is possible.

Simply state which book you want, and address Dr. Shoop, Box 424, Racine, Wis.

Book No. 1 on Dyspepsia,
Book No. 2 on the Heart,
Book No. 3 on the Kidneys,
Book No. 4 for Women,
Book No. 5 for men, (sealed),
Book No. 6 on Rheumatism.

Mild cases, not chronic, are often cured by one or two bottles. At all druggists.

lovers, selfish by force of their busy mother's unselfishness? Occupation can be made helpful to mother while interesting the child. It is asking much of a woman whose very life means sacrifice to amuse her lively children. If she be not imaginative or "a bookworm," and of a silent disposition, the mother would not find a quick thought or nimble tongue to make learning to dust, to darn, to straighten rooms seem a "play." But even a simple woman robbed of most of the refinements of life can speak coaxing words, use praise freely, and call her little helpers "mother's fairies." Self-conceit is a great fault of course; but it finds good use as a virtue and the little boy of five whose "muscle" and height are examined gravely, and measured with care, whose speed in clearing out cellar rubbish, running errands, gathering kindlings, and tugging "big, big scuttles of coal," becomes quite "conceited" over his strength perhaps but—it is harmless conceit and quite balanced by the honest pride he feels as "Mother's big manly boy." And an occasional fat cookie or a treat which touches his sensitive spot, the stomach, "made on purpose because he helped me today," will be remembered when an old man.

To keep them occupied just before Christmas is a good plan to secure time and liberty for the mother. Have you, like so many housewives, a lot of recipes cut out and which you mean for a scrapbook sometime? Give them to your twelve year old daughter, teach her to sort them out in classes, and how to make a good paste, and give to her an old book, have her write in it "Scrapbook Recipes," and tell her you desire to see her ideas worked out, and that she is to be slow but neat as this same book shall one day be her own, after you are gone. Most girls will take proud interest in the work.

Set the "big boys" making gift scrapbooks evenings, cutting out comical pictures and poems and stories, and arranging them in books to be given to hospitals. (It never hurts boys to be made to think tender thoughts—nor girls to be taught order). And the little folks will be just as anxious to be occupied and unless very little, can knit on spools gay lampmats or driving lines. Wee, wee, toddlers can follow example of "helping" and wipe "dishes" in a wonderful innocent belief of being necessary to their mother, even

though she slyly sends back these dishes again and again. It never hurts baby natures to be unselfish or helpful. Busy Mother may smile at the results and find her holiday duties do not exhaust her. In such homes the very atmosphere breathes "Helpfulness."

Evil is wrought by want of thought
As well as want of heart. Hood.

Mother's Problems.

Mrs. A. R.—Michigan. Try this plan. Use plenty of boxes as home made furniture for keeping the clothing of many children laid away neatly between seasons requires endless drawer-room. Yes, 'tis true and you have the right feeling. Better have less fine dresses and more neat underclothes, less gay carpets and more single beds and bedding. Yet again, as you say, to not waste and to keep all these things ready to hand means order and that means a place. The dearest little shirt waist boxes, shoeboxes, window boxes with hinged covers, are now common and in stores cost too much I think. They are easily home made and denims are my favored upholstery stuff. Let me describe a "soiled clothes box." It is plain white wood shellaced over, having holes bored in an ornamental design for ventilation, and the top is cushioned. Inside is a laundry pad and pencil. It is so nice, too, to have wardrobes if closets are scarce. And for the bedding, to build in shelves to form a sort of huge chest in the closet is very convenient. Let each child have its own clothes by themselves and insist on order.

Mrs. T. W.—Ohio. Make a Surprise Cake. Any good loaf cake will do and in it hide small treasures; tiny dolls, thimble, ring, bangles, money, etc. Color the icing and lay a green wreath around. Make a pasteboard cover over a tubful of saw dust and in this huge "pie" have gifts with attached strings hanging out and let the little guests enjoy pulling the plums out of their Christmas Pie.

There is a sight all hearts beguiling—
A youthful mother to her infant smiling,
Who with spread arms and dancing feet,
A cooing voice, returns its answer sweet. Baillie.

The Young Mother.

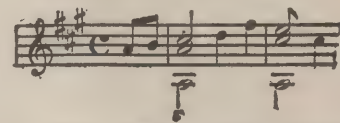
Dress becomes an early thought, it being needless and absolutely criminal to the child if the mother wishes it to be healthy, to stay shut in from the pure outdoor air, especially in winter. Any mother can for ten cents secure a pattern for a maternity dress by using Vick's Magazine offers of patterns, and I am willing to use my time to suggest several aids to good appearance which will assist the average woman very much.

Beware of overwork. Beware of that new strength and ambition—for it is new and not for your material gain—but the child's inheritance.

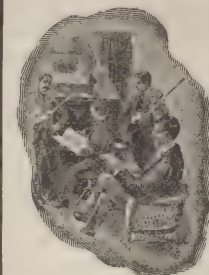
(Continued on page thirty-four.)

By Mail Learn to Play Music By Mail

HAPPY IS THE HOME
WHERE SWEET MUSIC REIGNS



The Piano, Organ, Guitar, Violin, Banjo and Mandolin taught by note



We teach Instrumental music, Harmony, Composition and Orchestration, by mail only, and guarantee success. You need not know one thing about music when beginning to learn by our method. Every feature from the very simplest to the most complicated execution is made so easy and interesting that anyone can now learn without years of tedious study and great expense.

One minister writes: "Am more and more pleased with the instruction as each succeeding lesson comes, and am fully persuaded I made no mistake in becoming a pupil." Mr. C. C. Praker, of Port Huron, Mich., writes: "I have nothing but good words to say for your school." He is now taking his third term. His wife is also a pupil. The most competent and practical instructors are at the head of each department. Terms only 1/2 regular charges.

SPECIAL OFFER

We want someone in your locality to know about our school; as pupils make our best advertisements we want at least one in every locality. We know that if you are satisfied our efforts will not have been in vain. As a special inducement for \$1.00 (your only expense) which will not cover our cost of material, wrapping and postage, we will give a 10 weeks' course (any grade) for Piano, Organ, Banjo, Guitar, Violin or Mandolin. As this offer is solely for advertising purposes, the instruction will be special and our best efforts will be given. All we expect of you after taking the Course is to tell your friends exactly what you think. In accepting this offer, state whether a beginner or advanced pupil. You need not know anything about music to enroll and we will teach you to play any of these instruments. All kinds of instruments supplied at cost. Address:

U. S. School of Music,
23 Union Square, New York, N. Y.



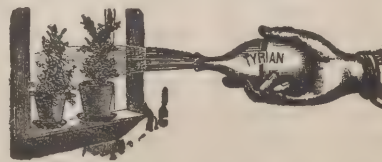
Spray Your Plants

For sprinkling plants and flowers in house or garden. The spray fixture is made of hard rubber and so constructed that it cannot easily get out of order. May also be used for sprinkling clothes in the laundry, spraying carpets and clothing to prevent moths. Spraying disinfectants in the sick room, and deodorizing. Preferable in every way to the dipper or tin watering pot.

SPECIAL PREMIUM PRICE.

We will send these Sprinklers and Vick's FAMILY MAGAZINE one year at the following prices: Those with bent neck like upper illustration, 4 oz. size, 90c; 6 oz. \$1.00; 8 oz. 1.05, 10 oz. 1.15. Those with straight neck like lower illustration, 4 oz. size, 85c; 6 oz. 95c; 8 oz. \$1.00; 10 oz. 1.10. Remember that these prices include a yearly subscription to VICK'S MAGAZINE.

VICK PUBLISHING COMPANY,
DANSVILLE, N. Y. Rochester, N. Y.



PLAYS Dialogues, recitations, songs, humorous books. Catalog free. AUGUST SALM & Co., Dep't. C, 12 and 14 State St., Chicago.

One Step Nearer Cost

Our New General Catalogue No. 71 brings our 2,000,000 customers nearer than they have ever been before to the actual manufacturing cost of everything they eat, wear or use.

We buy in largest quantities for spot cash, besides having many factories of our own, and sell direct to our customers, saving them the profits of the jobber, wholesaler and retailer—that's the secret.

CHRISTMAS BUYING

has already begun. Retailers are advancing their prices for the holiday trade. Our prices are never advanced, our goods are of the very latest style and best quality, and our customers save one-fourth to one-half on the orders they send us.

Our catalogue pictures and describes different grades of anything you want, to suit all tastes and purses. Every article we offer is reliable, and you can have your money back willingly and cheerfully if you are not satisfied.

Hadn't you better send for our catalogue today?

Fill out the slip to the left and send to us with 15c and the catalogue is yours.

Our Catalogue costs us nearly a dollar each to print and forward. We charge 15 cents for it to prevent a wasteful distribution to people who would not use it. You can save ten times 15 cts. on your first order.



AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT
Send for Catalogue TODAY and get ahead of the Christmas rush.
Montgomery Ward & Co., Chicago.
Enclosed find 15 cents, for which please send me Catalogue No. 71.

Name _____ Write very plain.
Express Office _____ Post Office _____
County _____ State _____

Montgomery Ward & Co., Chicago

The Bright Eyed Circle

Conducted by Stella M. Alderson

A Matter of Selection.

Said a little vulgar girl who was sneering at another
In accents that were very far from mild,
"You ain't got no father, you ain't got no mother,
You ain't nothin' but a horrid 'dopted child!"
"I'm quite as good as you," came the answer
from the other,
"I was carefully selected from a lot;
But only look at you—your father and your
mother
Had to keep you if they wanted to or not!"

About That Parrot Again.

It is not strange if you can scarcely believe the good luck so easy to win by joining in our Parrot Contest. Your Aunt Stella herself craves to be a girl again just to have such a chance as is now yours. Just think of all the points; not alone the fine offer of a fine Polly and a valuable book called "Feathered Pets,"—something which should prove to all my readers that it is a bit of good fortune to be a subscriber to Vick's Magazine and receive a share of its honors—but our generous publisher adds a touch of comfort for all and makes it impossible to lose by your attempt to win "Our Polly." Every boy and every girl gets a nice premium even if Polly never becomes theirs. Now isn't that fair? And you must hurry along, children and young people, and get the work started.

So little to do! Only send your name at once saying you wish to compete for the Parrot. Even for this you are paid with just the loveliest book! It is called a "Catalogue" but there are surprising things shown in its pages. My boy readers will be showing it to all their chums. My girls will be saying, "Mamma, isn't that just grand!" It surprised me,

and I am quite used to interesting books. And next, the two subscriptions, and one may easily be your mother's; and then—just keep a sharp eye for stories or sketches about birds. If it can be cut out send anything you think is interesting. If it is in something not to be cut, copy it. Or write of something odd about birds which you have noticed. Send all you can find, as often as you please, and all good ones will be for "Aunt Stella's Scrapbook."

Once more let me advise you. Ask of Vick's their "clubbing" prices on some good magazine about birds. It will pay you to look over September and October numbers and send for sample copies of the magazines I named for you; for in them will be many charming stories about birds. The best story or sketch or the most interesting collection sent in during our Contest will win the Polly. Mind you, it is no cross, hateful, noisy bird either, but a real treasure.

A Birthday Rhyme for December.

If cold December gave you birth,
The month of snow and ice and mirth,
Place on your hand a Turquoise blue—
Success will bless whate'er you do.

Christmas Fairies.

They lived not very far apart, that is to say, by road; but though the Benedicts lived in a cozy stone mansion at the top of the hill which was such a grand and rather dangerous coasting place each winter, and the Stevenses had a small brown wooden house at the

foot, there really seemed miles and miles of distance between them, at least so sad little Sarah Stevens always thought as she drudged away, too busy even to attend school or Sunday School very often and too tired to "dress up" if she had had more than one dress.

Amelia Benedict was not vain,—she was simply thoughtless. To her mind it seemed queer everyone did not live in fine stone houses, with pretty warm bedrooms and a conservatory of flowers. She had nearly everything in life too—yet, shall we call her happy? No, for she knew Motherdie was very liable to die suddenly, and her father was always grave, as good hearted doctors well may be from seeing so much misery. It never seemed clear to Amelia why Sarah was dressed so "slouchy," and why didn't she play more with other girls? Sarah, however, was not too busy to

think why all was so different. If Daddy had not had so much trouble they could have been comfortable and mamma need not go out cleaning and cooking; but there, no use to cry! Probably this minute that three year old Wallie was head first in the swill-tub or running away to the woods. So Sarah set her little twelve year old shoulders to the heavy burden and helped as no one realized save her worn out mother, for alas! daddy had been drinking for a year. There was plenty of work with six younger children and Chester was, well, the best we can say about him is he was "lazy," so lazy that though a strong boy and only a year younger than Sarah, he was too lazy to gather kindlings, feed the hens, or pick fruit.

Amelia's mother had a sweet face; the Irish cook said, "Sure, an she's a saint already." Just before Christ-

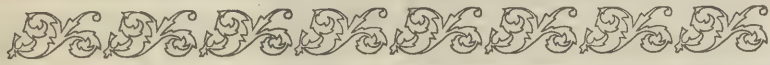
(Continued on page thirty-five)

FREE TO ALL

Watches, Cameras, Musical Instruments, Sporting Goods, Ladies' and Boys' Wearing Apparel, and many other valuable articles for selling twenty cards of our Silver Aluminum Hair Pins at Ten Cents a card; full dozen on each card. Send us no money. Mail us your name and address and we will send the Hair Pins and all instructions, including large catalogue of gifts, postpaid. Sell the Pins among your friends at Ten Cents a card—send us the Two Dollars you get for them and we will send you any present you select FREE. Our Aluminum Hair Pins are the prettiest and best selling article on the market. Address
CENTRAL SUPPLY CO., DEPT. 62, Milwaukee, Wis.

General, A Christmas Story

BY MARY E. WILKINS.



Eugene was named after his youngest uncle, on his mother's side, but everybody called him "General." First it had been "Gene," but as his masterly character developed, it became "General." When the neighbors saw him coming, usually at the head of a small troop of his brothers, and sisters, and friends, they said: "There's General Newman." As a rule they finished with an indulgent chuckle, for General was a favorite. Everybody agreed that he was a good boy, and very smart. He did an errand as if he were a peer of the realm, and, with infinite condescension, he pocketed his penny in payment, as if it were a gratuity. But he did errands willingly and well, and while he made others obey, he never disobeyed himself.

"For all he's so up and comin' he minds me better than any of them," his mother often remarked.

General was the eldest of five children, three girls and two boys. His father was dead; his mother, Mrs. Abby Newman, supported the family by working a small farm. She kept one hired man, and worked herself like a slave. With great economy and toil she managed to keep her family in comfort, and she was determined that the children should have good educations. General was large

and strong for his age, and many of the neighbors thought she was foolish not to put him to work; but she was resolute. "He's goin' to know something," she declared, "and he helps a good deal out of school."

General, ever since he was ten had risen in the morning at five o'clock, and assisted the hired man with the barn chores, drawn the water, and made the kitchen fire. All the Newman children were trained to work, and they accomplished a good deal before they set off for school—washed, brushed, and tidy.

The new teacher came in the fall when Eugene was nearly fourteen. She was a pretty girl; her name was Aurelia May, and she had many new ideas. Among others was the Christmas tree. There had never been a Christmas tree in Number Five School, which was located on the outskirts of the village, among the scattered farming part of the population. There had been a Christmas tree in the Sunday school, but never one in the day school.

When Miss Aurelia May announced that this year there would be a tree on Christmas Eve (the Sunday school tree was to be on Christmas night), there was much excitement, not only among the students, but their parents. The mothers met in each others' sitting rooms and kitchens, and talked a good deal. Some of them declared that a tree in the Sunday school was enough, and all they could manage. "It took all the butter money I had saved last year for Christmas," declared one woman, and the others echoed her. Finally, however, the pretty school teacher carried the day.

"I declare I hated to say anything, she was so set on it," said Mrs. John Sargent. The teacher boarded at Mrs. John Sargent's, and little Lottie Sargent adored her.

But there was one woman who never abandoned her position, and she was the General's mother. Mrs. Newman had said at first, she had told the neighbors, and the teacher so, and she had told her children so, that she could and would do nothing about the Christmas tree. If it had been an apple year, I might have managed it, but it ain't an apple year, and I haven't got enough money for another Christmas tree unless I run in debt or mortgage the place," she said, I can manage to give you children some useful things, that you really need, and I'd have to get anyway, on the Sunday school tree, but as for doing anything about the day school, I can't do it, and I don't want to hear another word about it. I have enough to con-

tend against without being teased to do something I can't do."

The younger children pouted, and little Sallie and Henry openly sobbed, but General only looked thoughtful.

"May I use my bank money?" he asked finally.

"You can't have more than fifty cents, for you opened your bank last fourth of July," the mother answered.

"Can I have what is in it?"

"Yes, if you want to," she replied, grudgingly. "You ought to use the money, however, to buy shoes; but you can have it."

General's face cleared. "All right," he said. "Guess I can do something."

His second sister, Addie, pulled his sleeve, when his mother's back was turned. "What be you goin' to do?" she whispered.

"You jest wait an' see," replied her brother mysteriously.

"You goin' to get presents for all of us?"

"I reckon so."

"For Tommy Jones, and Lottie, and Maria Dodd, and Willy Lapham, and—"

"Guess so."

"What?"

"You jest wait."

General was as important and secretive during the three weeks before Christmas as any commander before a strategic move upon the enemy. His brothers and sisters watched, but they could discover nothing. General was known to make several visits to the store, but they could find out nothing that he purchased except paper and string. They found rolls of nice white paper, and brown paper, and various colored balls of cord, in his little hair trunk which had belonged to his grandfather, and in which he kept his treasures. "Its to tie up the presents," they said to one another, and their expectations grew.

Gradually it became noised about the school that General Newman was goin' to give splendid presents to a lot of children and his popularity was on the increase. He had so much deference that his head might have been turned, if he had not been a pretty stanch, honest little boy.

General worked hard helping the teacher, and what was more, he made the others work—not a boy dared shirk when General's eyes were upon him. Even the teacher began to marvel at his power over his mates. "I declare, I believe that boy can make the others mind better than I can," she said to Mrs. Sargent, with whom she boarded.

"He's an awful smart boy," agreed Mrs. Sargent.

On Christmas Eve the students and their big brothers and sisters, and their parents, assembled in the school-house. Even Mrs. Abby Newman was there in her old best black silk. The children had been so happy about it all that she had not the heart to stay away. Then, too, she had much pride in her eldest son, and curiosity

THE "1900" Ball-Bearing WASHING MACHINE SENT FREE



without deposit or advance payment of any kind, freight paid both ways, on 30 days' trial. Unquestionably greatest family labor saver ever invented. Saves time, expense, and wear and tear. Will do the family washing without boiling clothes, hand-scrubbing or back breaking. Revolves on bicycle ball-bearings and is therefore easiest running washer ever made. Will do two hours' washing in 10 minutes. Washes blankets as well as laces, absolutely clean, and without the slightest injury.

CONVINCING PROOF

KANSAS CITY, MO., May 14, 1902. I have given your washer a fair trial. It is the best washer I ever saw. It has washed our heavy blankets with perfect ease. I washed them last spring and rubbed more than an hour and yet they had to go through again, but the "1900" Washer cleaned them thoroughly clean. We do our washing so quick and have no tired and worn-out feeling as of old. I wish every lady had a washer.

Respectfully yours,

MRS. J. L. BANNER, 4203 Troost Ave.

BUTLER, N. J., Oct. 22, 1901.

Please find Money-Order in full payment for Washing Machine. The washer is the best and easiest ever made. I never saw its equal in any Washer. One of my sons, who is an engineer, gets his over clothes very dirty. They have been washed by your "1900" Washer just as clean as when they were new. It washes everything perfectly clean. It runs so easy that my little granddaughter did the first two tubs full. It is a marvel and I would not part with it for \$100. In two months it will pay for itself.

Respectfully, MRS. MARTHA WITTY.

It costs nothing to try. Sent absolutely free, freight paid both ways, for a trial of 30 days. No money required in advance. Write at once for book and particulars to

THE "1900" WASHER CO.,
156 E. STATE STREET, BINGHAMTON, N. Y.

PAPER JARDINIERS, WANTED IN EVERY HOME.



Pretty, Pleasing, Ornamental.

This engraving illustrates our new Paper Jardiniere placed over a common flower pot. A charming decoration for window plants or cut flowers.

Made of flexible cardboard. A child can adjust them to any flower pot. Will protect your window plants from frost. Will hide the unsightly appearance of the common flower pot. Will lend to your flowers & plants additional grace and beauty.

PRICE 25 CENTS PER DOZ.—Postpaid 30c. Assorted colors, packed one dozen in neat folding box, convenient for mailing.

STRONGHURST MFG. CO., STRONGHURST, ILL.
AGENTS WANTED.

CANARIES

TWO THOUSAND beautiful, hardy Canaries, with wonderfully sweet, clear, musical voices. Imported from the best breeders in Germany and every one is a gem. Tested, guaranteed songsters, usual price \$3.00 to \$4.50 each, in shipping cage for only \$2.70 each, if ordered before Jan. 15. Females \$1.00 each.

Parrots—guaranteed talkers, \$5.00 each and upwards. We ship everywhere. Largest mail order bird dealers in the world.

Free Catalogue—Largest and handsomest catalogue of birds, cages, etc., ever issued, mailed free if you mention this paper. Complete bird book 25 cents. Handsome brass cages \$1.00 each.

IOWA SEED CO., Des Moines, Ia.

EARN \$3 TO \$7 A DAY

Selling Flavoring Powders. The best flavors made for Cakes, Custards, Puddings, Ice-Cream etc. Every housekeeper wants them. Sample FREE, Address, Walters Mfg. Co., Dept. H, 128 Water St., N. Y. City.

Meersch's New Pigeon Book

Treating on the management of Pigeons for pleasure or profit. Elegantly illustrated. Sent postpaid, by the author for 25c. in Stamps.

A. V. Meersch, Sub. Sta. 2, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

KNIVES at BOTTOM PRICES

Buy from manufacturer and save dealers profit. Our 0722 Knife, as illustrated, sells in stores for \$1 to \$1.25. We sell to you for 60 cts.

Satisfaction guaranteed or money refunded. Shears, razors and other cutlery at equally low prices. Catalogue for stamp. A. F. Retzman, Dept. 7, 137 Laflin St., Chicago, Ill.

I Will Cure You of RHEUMATISM

Else No Money Is Wanted.

After 2,000 experiments, I have learned how to cure Rheumatism. Not to turn bony joints into flesh again; that is impossible. But I can cure the disease always, at any stage, and forever.

I ask for no money. Simply write me a postal and I will send you an order on your nearest druggist for six bottles Dr. Shoop's Rheumatic Cure, for every druggist keeps it. Use it for a month and, if it succeeds, the cost is only \$5.50. If it fails, I will pay your druggist myself.

I have no samples, because any medicine that can affect Rheumatism quickly must be drugged to the verge of danger. I use no such drugs, and it is folly to take them. You must get the disease out of the blood.

My remedy does that, even in the most difficult, obstinate cases. No matter how impossible this seems to you, I know it and I take the risk. I have cured tens of thousands of cases in this way, and my records show that 39 out of 40 who get those six bottles pay gladly. I have learned that people in general are honest with a physician who cures them. That is all I ask. If I fail, I don't expect a penny from you.

Simply write me a postal card or letter. I will send you my book about Rheumatism, and an order for the medicine. Take it for a month, as it won't harm you any way. If it fails, it is free, and I leave the decision with you. Address Dr. Shoop, Box 424, Racine, Wis.

Mild cases, not chronic, are often cured by one or two bottles. At all druggists.

as to what he was going to do. She was conscious of a great faith in him. "He's an awful smart boy," she told herself.

Indeed, that evening sitting at his desk in the evergreen-trimmed school-room, General looked handsomer and smarter than ever. His fair hair curled aggressively on top, his blue eyes were brilliant; there was not a shade of doubt or anxiety in his face. He looked confident of all that Christmas or life might bring him. Mrs. Newman felt herself fairly glowing with pride as she gazed at him.

The beautiful lighted tree stood on the platform, and young man named Abner Whittemore—he was said to admire the teacher—was dressed in a buffalo coat, to personate Santa Claus and distribute the presents.

The names of the Newman children were called over and over—Miss Ruth Newman, Miss Sallie D. Newman, Master Henry Perkins Newman, Miss Addie Newman, Master Eugene Newman. Names also of a large number of the scholars who were particular friends of theirs were frequently repeated. They all marched away from the tree with jubilant faces. However, the faces changed when they came to examine their treasures more closely. They were very neat little packages, tied up in fresh papers, with bright colored cords. They looked like boxes of various shapes, and sizes. The students who had these boxes regarded them with expressions of mingled wonder and dismay. Not one was untied. Gradually the news of something which was written or rather printed, on the packages, spread around. "Have you seen those funny presents General Newman has been giving?" everybody asked of everybody else. This was printed on the packages, very plainly:

"Don't you open this till next Fourth of July. If you do, look out. "E. NEWMAN."

Mrs. Abby Newman stood apart, talking to the minister's wife and the teacher, and knew nothing about these warning notes until little Sallie came crying to her with her unopened present, and begged that she wouldn't let Genie scold her if she took the string off.

Then Mrs. Newman examined the package and the inscription with amazement. "They're all just like that," sobbed Sallie, "and they can't open them till the Fourth of July, he says."

"I'm goin' to see what all this foolishness means!" declared Mrs. Abby Newman.

When General looked up and saw his mother's face, his heart sank. The other boys looking on, saw him quail before the small, weary-looking woman. "Eugene Newman, what does all this mean?" she demanded. The room was quite still. The crowd about them became noiselessly augmented. Everybody came tiptoeing up. The children stood gaping with eyes of innocent wonder and curiosity.

"Eugene!" said Mrs. Newman. The boy choked and gasped. "Eugene, tell me this minute, what is in those packages!"

The general hung his head; his candid forehead was red to the roots of this curly hair. Then suddenly he faced his mother, and them all, with his honest, confident look. He had done nothing to be ashamed of.

"What is in them?" asked his mother. "Nothin' but wood," replied General Newman.

"Wood!" "Wood!" echoed the others.

"Yes, it's nothin' but wood in all of 'em," proclaimed General, clearly.

"Eugene Newman!" gasped his mother. Her face was blazing with mortification. Was this her wonderful, smart boy? She realized how desirable it would be to sink through the floor away from all these curious eyes. Then suddenly the boy came to the rescue.

"There's somethin' on—the—

wood," he admitted with reluctance, yet as one who must clear his honor from imputation.

"What?" cried his mother eagerly. "My note," replied General, and he held his head high.

"Your note?" his mother gasped feebly.

"Yes, ma'am."

His mother made a clutch at one of the packages, which a little boy near her held, and tore off the wrapping and there was a nice little block of wood, and thereon printed, after the form in the arithmetic:

"For value received I promise to pay to Willy Lapham or order, six months and ten days from date, one good top. "EUGENE NEWMAN."

Then Mrs. John Sargent caught her Lottie's package, and opened it, and there was the same thing, only in that Eugene Newman promised to pay Lottie Sargent one doll with light hair, and others were opened, and they were the same with a difference.

Poor Eugene in all of them had given, for lack of presents, his promissory note.

"I'd like to know where you expected to get the money," his mother inquired, sharply.

"Uncle Eugene said he was going to make me a present of ten dollars the Fourth when I was fourteen years old, and I'm goin' to give every one of 'em," he replied sturdily.

Then a faint cheer went up, and some of the women wiped their eyes.

Mrs. Abby Newman began to feel that perhaps she had no need to be ashamed of her boy after all.

General Newman had so many presents on the Sunday school tree the next evening that he was nearly overcome. He could not believe his eyes when he saw the jack-knives, the tops, the sled, and the books. Every one of the friends to whom he had presented his promissory note had been furnished with a present to hang on the tree for him, but he never dreamed why.

You, Dear Reader, Threatened with Consumption, Lung Trouble or Catarrh, try this Philosophical and SUCCESSFUL CURE. It will SAVE YOUR LIFE as it has thousands of others.—Dr. Slocum.

HERE IS HEALTH

CONSUMPTION CAN BE CURED

These Four New Preparations comprise a complete new treatment and cure for Consumption, Lung Troubles and nearly all the ills of life.

The Food-Emulsion is needed by some, the Emulsion and Tonic by others, the Expecto-rant by others, the Ozojell Cure for Catarrh by others and still all four, or any three or two, or any one, may be used singly or in combination, according to the needs of the case. Full instructions with each set of four free remedies, represented in this illustration. Also 68-page My Doctor Book, with testimonials. Please mention VICK'S FAMILY MAGAZINE and address

DR. T. A. SLOCUM,
98 Pine Street, New York.

All the ailments of women and delicate children are speedily relieved and cured by these flesh-forming Remedies.



FREE!

- Are your lungs weak?
- Have you dry, hacking cough?
- Have you hemorrhage of lungs?
- Do you have pains in chest or back?
- Do you raise phlegm or blood?
- Is your throat sore and inflamed?
- Have you bronchitis?
- Does your head ache?
- Is your appetite poor?
- Do you have night sweats?
- Are you losing flesh?
- Are you pale, thin & weak?
- Have you ringing in ears?
- Have you hot or cold flashes?
- Is there dropping in throat?
- Is the nose dry and stuffy?
- Have you stomach trouble?
- Have you a coated tongue?
- Have you catarrh?
- Are you short of breath?
- Have you asthma?
- Have you kidney trouble?

Any one or all the above symptoms are prevented, removed and cured by the New Slocum System of Treatment. It does not disappoint.

WRITE FOR FREE SAMPLES

Please send your name and full address to DR. T. A. SLOCUM, 98 PINE ST., NEW YORK, and the Four Free Preparations will be at once forwarded to you with full directions for use. Please mention Vick's Family Magazine.

EDITOR'S NOTE.—The New Slocum System of Treatment for the Cure of Tuberculosis, Consumption, Lung Troubles, Bronchitis, Asthma, Catarrh, General Debility, Anæmia, Rundown System, Kidney Troubles, and nearly all the ills of life, is medicine reduced to an exact science by the World's foremost Specialist. By the timely use of these Remedies thousands of apparently hopeless cases have been permanently cured. By special arrangement, all our readers who may be afflicted will be supplied with ALL FOUR REMEDIES FREE. We absolutely guarantee this generous offer. When writing the Doctor, please give express and postoffice address and tell him you read this announcement in VICK'S FAMILY MAGAZINE and greatly oblige.

Confections For Christmas

By Mrs. G. T. Drennan

EDITOR'S NOTE.—Mrs. Moore, who so ably conducted our Household Department for so long, having taken charge of our Nature Study Page, Mrs. Drennan, the well known writer, has consented to write on household topics, this being her first paper of the series. In January. Mrs. Drennan will discuss "Doughs and Batters."

Sweet-meats of home manufacture are more wholesome than those of commerce. Giving the benefit of the doubt to the delicious confections offered for sale, in that they may be made of quite as good material as our own, and withal, as well proportioned as to ingredients, yet there is the full assurance, beyond a doubt, that for our own family, for guests and as gifts to be sent to friends and neighbors there is in those we carefully concoct nothing but the most approved ingredients.

Sugar is in three forms for making candies that are essentially different in appearance and taste. Powdered sugar as fine as flour, granulated, cut-loaf and brown sugar make different kinds of candies. Granulated and cut-loaf are the same quality and may be called and used as the same sugar. There is one item in favor of cut-loaf sugar well to note before beginning to make Christmas sweets, and that is, that the whites of eggs make better soufflé, meringue and icing when the lumps of sugar are added by handful at a time, beating steadily until the whites froth and the lumps dissolve. For six whites begin with six lumps of sugar and beat or whip until the sugar begins to melt and the whites to froth. Add more and continue until there are two pounds of sugar to six whites. The meringue, soufflé or icing will then be so stiff it can be shaped with a spoon, and in baking, will not fall. A very slow heat, almost none at all, is required for confections of cut-loaf sugar and whites of eggs. They require to dry, rather than to bake.

ECLAIRES.—These are spoonfuls of the foregoing flavored to taste with vanilla, chocolate, or lemon and colored with fruit coloring if preferred, dried in the oven on oil or paraffine paper. The eclaires may be shaped round with depressions in the centre, which may have jelly, seeded raisins, or chopped nutmeats pressed into place.

CANDIES.

CREAM CANDY is rich made of thick sweet cream in the proportion of one cup of cream to four cups of brown sugar; butter the size of an egg; two pounds of pecan meats chopped and one teaspoonful of vanilla. Cook the cream sugar and butter until it will harden when dropped into cold water. Remove from the stove and stir until it creams or turns sugary adding the vanilla and the nut-meats during the process. Make into round flat cakes on paraffine paper. When cold run a knife under each and lay on fancy dishes. This cream candy has the delicious taste of cooked, but granulated sugar. For want of a

better term it is called sugary candy, every morsel of it literally melting in the mouth.

PULLED SUGAR CANDY.—Every reader has heard or read of "candy pullings," but not every one has happily participated. A candy pulling is delectable; young folks enjoy it to the full. It is a thing of promise and fruition for let it be understood that when sugar candy is made as it should be and pulled, the realization is one of the choicest confections to be had. Sometimes it is a trouble to boil and pull candy when fondant is so easily made into extensive varieties of sweets; but a party of young people find it a happy pastime. Nothing like an old-fashioned candy pulling for fun and frolic—and nothing better than the candy when pulled twisted and chopped into wisps. This is the simple formula: Two pounds of sugar; one half pint of water; two tablespoonfuls of vinegar; one tablespoonful of butter. Boil these ingredients together stirring them when the water is poured over the sugar, but after boiling begins do not stir. Thirty minutes will cook the candy. Pour into large dishes greased with butter and as soon as cool enough to handle pull, beginning with a small piece between the fingers and adding to it until it takes both hands to manage the rope of candy. Two persons standing near and opposite each other can pull together lapping the pulled ends rapidly from hand to hand. The candy must be as white as the sugar (clarified or cut-loaf) it is made of and spongy and light. Draw into long thin ropes double and twist and chop into one or two inch pieces on a broad flat dish.

MACAROONS.—Cocoanut, chocolate, or almonds may be used. The whites of four eggs and equal quantities of either grated cocoanut blanched and pounded almonds or chocolate and powdered sugar. Work well together with a spoon. Dip the tips of the fingers into water and work the macaroons into balls about the size of a hickory nut. Lay them an inch apart on paper and bake or dry in an oven barely warm.

CANDY WITHOUT COOKING.—Make any quantity desired but proportion the ingredients and manipulate as follows: Beat the whites of three eggs with two tablespoonfuls of confectioner's sugar for several minutes. Continue adding sugar and beating until one cup and a half of sugar have been used. Gradually beat in one tablespoonful of lemon juice. When of the proper consistency the candy dough can be rolled out on a marble pastry slab and cut into fancy shapes or rolled into balls. Nut meats, seeded raisin, seeded and

(Continued on page thirty.)

Little Eyes That Smile in Mine.

Little eyes that smile in mine,
Without your tender light
This world would be so dark a place
No sun could make it bright.

Little hands that cling to mine,
Your power who can guess
To lighten heavy burdens,
To comfort and to bless?

Written for Vick's Family Magazine by Mabel Cornelia Matson.

Little feet that follow mine
With eager footsteps light,
Along life's rugged pathway
Oh may I guide aright.

Little heart that beats on mine
And keeps it warm and true,
Love of gold and glory pales
Beside my love for you.

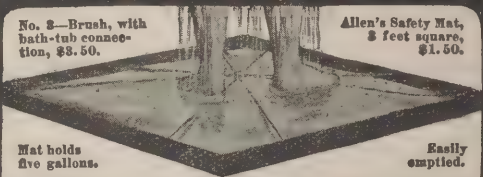
A Bath
for
Beauty
and
Health.



Allen's Fountain Brush and Bath Outfit

Friction, Shower and Massage Combined. The only Sanitary Bath Brush that at one operation thoroughly cleanses the skin, imparting a healthy tone and glow, and puts one in a condition to resist colds, la-grippe and all contagious and infectious diseases. Furnished either for bath tub connection, or with our fountain and Safety Portable Floor Mat. Enabling one to take a perfect spray and frictional bath in any room. With this outfit one is independent of the bath room, as a better bath can be taken with two quarts of water, than with a tub-full the old way. Insures a clear complexion, bright eyes, rosy cheeks, cheerful spirits, sound sleep. Should be in every home, and every traveler's trunk or grip. Full outfit No. 2, consisting of Fountain Brush; combination rubber hot water bag; bath fountain and syringe and safety mat. Price \$6.50.

Agents are making from \$25 to \$75 per week selling these outfits. Send for FREE booklet, "The Science of the Bath," prices and terms. THE ALLEN MANUFACTURING CO., 406 Erie St., Toledo, O.



Mat holds five gallons.

Easily emptied.

THE WEST SHORE RAIL ROAD

One of the leading Trunk Lines of America. Runs along the west side of the historic Hudson River, through the foot hills of the Catskill Mountains, through the beautiful Mohawk Valley. Four fast trains daily between Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse and New York.

For particulars call on any West Shore ticket agent or address.

C. E. LAMBERT, H. PARRY,
Gen'l Pass'r Ag't Gen'l Ag't Pass'r Dep't
7 East 42d St., New York. Buffalo, N. Y.

An Education Free

We know there are many young people in the country who are unable to attend a Normal School or Seminary to complete their education, and to help such we have arranged for courses of study to be given by mail for their benefit. All who will give us a little of their time, can secure a course easily.

Subjects Taught. Arithmetic, Grammar, Geography, History Ancient and Modern, Physiology, Civil Government, Theory and Practice of Teaching, Algebra, Physical Geography, Geometry, Botany, Physics, Rhetoric, Literature, Psychology, Zoology, Astronomy, Chemistry, Business, Penmanship, Bookkeeping, Shorthand, Commercial Law, Spelling and Correspondence.

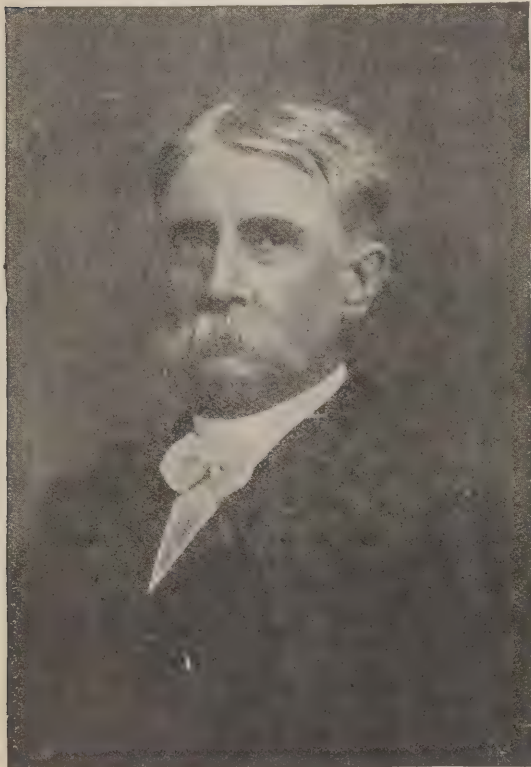
Your Opportunity. Take this copy of VICK'S and go to your friends and neighbors and secure subscriptions to the amount of \$10.00 and we will have you enrolled for thirteen weeks' course of instruction in any one of the courses with all necessary lesson papers, stationery included, also all postage on the weekly lessons which will be sent to you. The regular price of such a course is \$10.00. Go to work at once. We will send additional copies of the magazine for you to work with if you desire. Subscriptions may be taken for one year at 50c. or three years for \$1.00, or for any of the clubs offered in the magazine. A circular giving full particulars of courses sent free on application.

VICK PUBLISHING COMPANY, - - Rochester, N. Y.

JOHN ELLIOTT MORSE.

Here is a man whose heart and soul are in the garden, so to speak. Through long years of experience and experiment he has gained an extensive knowledge of gardening in all its branches.

Mr. Morse's mother was a resident of our beautiful "Flower City" (Rochester) in her childhood and his father was also a native of the Em-



JONH ELLIOTT MORSE

pire State. The subject of our sketch was born in Michigan and from a boy has loved the outdoor life and studied carefully the problems rising from his work until today he is recognized as an authority on all subjects pertaining to the garden. He has written books on different phases of garden work and has contributed valuable articles to some of the best publications. Mr. Morse's enthusiasm for the garden knows no bounds and he has an intense desire to help others to make the best of their advantages in this direction. We regard ourselves as particularly fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Morse to conduct our garden department. Anyone who will read his articles each month in Vick's will agree with us.

Mr. Morse is particularly anxious to be of assistance to our readers and will cheerfully answer questions from actual subscribers if an addressed and stamped envelope is sent.

We are pleased to present a likeness of Mr. Morse herewith. Take a good look at his frank, open countenance and you will surely remark "there is an honest man."

It is just this kind of able, honorable and enthusiastic people whom we aim to secure for all of our departments. We are striving in every way to maintain the high standard which Vick's has always set up for practical, reliable and helpful information in the different branches of horticulture and assure our readers that they can depend upon the information contained in our columns.

EDUCATE YOURSELF IN SHORTHAND

A Correspondence Course in shorthand at your own home, at a nominal cost until after you have finished your study and taken a position. Vick's Family Magazine has arranged with a well-known (editor) of a shorthand work that stands in the very front rank, children, learning and practicing it. Send for (illustrated) circular. Address Correspondence Dep't. of UNDERHILL'S BUSINESS INSTITUTE, ROCHESTER, NEW YORK.

PERSONAL TO THOSE IN ARREARS.

We are enclosing bills in this issue to all in arrears, and trust that everyone who receives one will return it promptly and take advantage of our special offer now in force of three years for \$1.00.

We shall make a great many improvements in our publication in the near future and increase the subscription price to \$1.00 a year, consequently all those who take advantage of this special offer at once, will really receive a Dollar Magazine three years.

A Christmas Present. To everyone who returns the enclosed bill before January 15th, paying up arrearages and enclosing \$1.00 additional to advance their subscription three years from date, we will include a yearly subscription to Good Housekeeping, (described on page 23), our Window Garden collection as advertised on inside of our back cover, or any two of our Art Portfolios advertised on this page. Please state which you wish when you remit, as this offer is not good unless ordered when remittance is made.

Note. Should anyone receive bill after they have remitted to us, and received a receipt, it will not be necessary to write as we began making our bills the last of October, and your bill was made out before remittance was received.

The American Boy Free

HERE IS A CHANCE FOR EVERY BOY



If you want to read this excellent boys' paper a whole year without cost, get two yearly subscriptions to Vick's Family Magazine for us or one for three years at our special price of \$1.00, and we will have the American Boy sent to you for a full year. Orders for our clubs will count the same as subscriptions to Vick's alone, and your mother's subscription (new or renewal) may be one of those secured.

Begin at once and you will have the subscriptions in a very short time. Remit and send names to

The beautiful American Boy Calendar sent free to all who send the subscriptions before January 1, 1903.

VICK PUBLISHING COMPANY, ROCHESTER, N. Y.

Works of Art FREE



THE GUARDIAN ANGEL

There is nothing that will make a home more cheerful than beautiful pictures. We have recently made arrangements with art publishers which enable us to furnish the most wonderful bargains in Art Pictures ever offered to the public. They are exact reproductions of the world's most famous paintings and are engraved on beautiful plate paper suitable for framing or mounting. They are put up in portfolios of ten pictures each. Size 7 1/2 x 9 1/2 inches.

Read the following list and order today for the HOLIDAYS.

- | | |
|----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| PORTFOLIO No. 1—Rosa Bonheur. | PORTFOLIO No. 2—French. |
| 1. The Horse Fair | 1. The Escaped Cow |
| 2. Ploughing in Niervols | 2. Milking Time |
| 3. Scotch Cattle at Rest, Glencoe | 3. Group of Cows at Milking Time |
| 4. Landais Peasants | 4. The Cow |
| 5. Straits of Ballachulish | 5. Tossing the Hay |
| 6. Cattle of Brittany | 6. Hay-making |
| 7. The Pride of the Forest | 7. Haying Time |
| 8. Noble Charger | 8. Hay-makers' Rest, Above 8 by Julien Dupre |
| 9. Norman Sire | 9. Return of the Herd, Felix de Vuillefroy |
| 10. The Humble Servant | 10. The Shepherdess, Henry Lerolle |
| PORTFOLIO NO.3—Greek and Roman Architecture | PORTFOLIO No. 4—Millet. |
| 1. Acropolis | 1. J. F. Millet |
| 2. Parthenon | 2. The Man with the Hoe |
| 3. Temple of Theseus | 3. Feeding Her Birds |
| 4. Erectheum | 4. The Water-Carriers |
| 5. Niki Apteros | 5. The Hay Trussers |
| 6. Pantheon, Rome | 6. Angelus |
| 7. Colosseum | 7. The Shepherdess |
| 8. Forum | 8. The Sower |
| 9. Arch of Titus | 9. The Gleaners |
| 10. Arch of Constantine | 10. Feeding Her Chickens |

- | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| PORTFOLIO NO. 5—Fontainebleau Group | PORTFOLIO NO. 6— | PORTFOLIO No. 7 | PORTFOLIO No. 8 | PORTFOLIO No. 9 |
| Corot, Rousseau, Dupre, Daubigny | B. J. Blommers, Hendrik Willem Mesdag, Albert Neuhuys, Josef Israels, Anton Mauve | Michael Angelo | Landseer | Madame Henriette Bonner, J. Adam, Paul Hoecker, Edw. van der Molen |
| 1. Landscape with Cattle | 1. Sister's Care | 1. Head of David | 1. Connaisseurs | 1. The Clock Makers |
| 2. Landscape with Boat | 2. The Storm | 2. The Fates | 2. "To Ho! To Ho!" | 2. The Last Move |
| 3. The Dance of the Nymphs | 3. The Little House-keeper | 3. The Delphic Sibyl | 3. The Shepherd's Bible | 3. Four Little Scamps are We |
| 4. An Idyl—Children Dancing Around | 4. The Little Seamstress | 4. Tomb of Giulianode Medici | 4. Wild Cattle of Chillingham | 4. Comfortable Quarters |
| 5. Landscape with Figures | 5. Sheep | 5. Morning and Evening | 5. Shoeing the Horse | 5. Curiosity |
| 6. Morning | 6. Knitting | 6. The Creation of Adam | 6. A Piper and a Pair of Nut-Crackers | 6. Wide Awake |
| 7. Pond at Corbigny | 7. Fishing Boats Coming in at Schevliengen | 7. Libyan Sibyl | 7. The Honeymoon | 7. Dutch Girl and Her Cat |
| 8. Cows Going Home | 8. The Young Mother | 8. Pieta Relief | 8. Bringing Home the Deer | 8. No One Knows Us |
| 9. Landscape | 9. Going to Market | 9. The Sitting Madonna | 9. The Mask | 9. Laying Down the Law |
| 10. Landscape | 10. Taking Care of Baby | 10. Tomb of Lorenzo de Medici—detail of | 10. My Dog | 10. Apartments to Let |

OUR OBJECT in offering this list of beautiful art pictures is to introduce Vick's Family Magazine into 100,000 new homes.

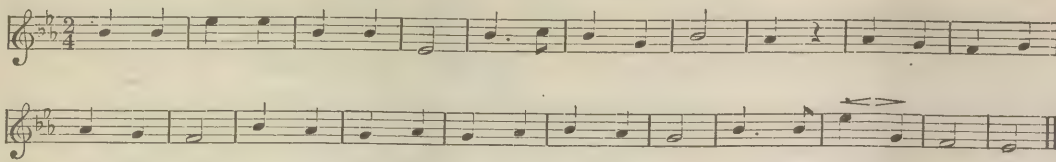
How to Get Them Free. Subscribe at once for Vick's Family Magazine for the coming year at 50c (or three years for \$1.00) and agree to show the pictures to at least two friends and tell them of this offer and we will send you two portfolios of ten pictures each absolutely free, if you enclose 10 cents to cover postage and packing.

To Boys and Girls. Show this advertisement to your teacher and suggest each student securing one subscription from his mother or some friend, to obtain pictures for school room decoration. Many teachers are doing this.

Our Offer. We will give any two of the above Portfolios (20 pictures) for each 50 cents sent us for subscriptions, or the entire nine Portfolios (90 pictures) for \$2.00 worth of subscriptions. We can furnish 500 additional pictures on the same terms. Space will not permit our naming them. Write at once for sample copies and earn as many pictures as possible. They will furnish a veritable art education for you.

VICK PUBLISHING COMPANY, ROCHESTER, N. Y.

CHRISTMAS SECRETS.



Secrets big and secrets small,
On the eve of Christmas;
Such keen ears has ev'ry wall
That we whisper, one and all,
On the eve of Christmas.

As you're coming up the stair,
On the eve of Christmas,
Watch each footstep with great care,
Secrets sweet are hidden there
On the eve of Christmas.

Secrets upstairs, secrets down,
On the eve of Christmas;
Papa brings them from the town,
Wrapped in papers stiff and brown
On the eve of Christmas.

But the secret best of all—
On the eve of Christmas,
Steals right down the chimney tall,
Fills our stockings great and small,
On the eve of Christmas.

Christmas Like It Used To Be.

By Nixon Waterman.

Christmas like it used to be!
That's the thing would gladden me,
Kith and kin from far and near
Joining in the Christmas cheer.
Oh, the laughing girls and boys!
Oh, the feasting and the joys!
Wouldn't it be good to see
Christmas like it used to be?

Christmas like it used to be,—
Snow a-bending bush and tree,
Bells a-jingling, down the lane;
Cousin John and Jim and Jane,
Sue and Kate and all the rest
Dressed up in their Sunday best,
Coming to that world of glee,—
Christmas like it used to be.

"It came upon the midnight clear,
The glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth,
To touch their harps of gold;
'Peace on the earth, good will to men,'
From heaven's all gracious King;
The world in solemn stillness lay,
To hear the angels sing."

Christmas like it used to be,—
Been a long, long time since we
Wished (when Santa Claus should come),
You a doll and I a drum,
You a book and I a sled
Strong and swift and painted red,
Oh, that day of jubilee!
Christmas like it used to be.

Christmas like it used to be,
It is still as glad and free,
And as fair and full of truth,
To the clearer eyes of youth,
Could we gladly glimpse it through
Eyes our children's children do
In their joy-time, we would see
Christmas like it used to be.

The whole world is a Christmas tree,
And stars its many candles be;
Oh sing a carol joyfully
The world's great feast in keeping.
For once on a December night,
An angel held a candle bright,
And led three wise men by its light
To where a child was sleeping. *Selected.*

Copyright Novels

Many of the Latest

The Very Best of Recent Issue

The following are from regular stock, best grade, and are generally listed at \$1.50.

HERE IS OUR OFFER.

Send two new three-year subscriptions or four new one-year subscriptions for Vick's Family Magazine alone or in combination with others as advertised in this issue, with money in payment for the subscriptions and 12c. to pay postage on the book, and we will forward

YOUR CHOICE

of the following books. Bear in mind that they are the regular cloth bound, \$1.50 grade.

Tell your friends why you wish the subscription, and offer those who subscribe the privilege of reading the book. You can secure as many books as may be desired on same terms.

Popular new works will be added to the list monthly.

Agent's own subscription not counted toward premiums.

Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch, Alice Caldwell Hegan
Hearts Courageous, Hallie Erminie Rives
The Leopard's Spots, Thomas Dixon, Jr.
The Mississippi Bubble, Emerson Hough

David Harum, Edward Noyes Westcott
Richard Carvel, Winston Churchill
The Crisis, Winston Churchill
Eben Holden, Irving Bacheller
D'ri and I, Irving Bacheller
Janice Meredith, Paul Leicester Ford
Choir Invisible, The, James Lane Allen
Reign of Law, The, James Lane Allen
Kentucky Cardinal, A, James Lane Allen
Seats of the Mighty, The, Gilbert Parker
Donovan Pasha, Gilbert Parker
The Right of Way, Gilbert Parker
To Have and to Hold, Mary Johnston
Prisoners of Hope, Mary Johnston
Audrey, Mary Johnston
Quincy Adams Sawyer, Charles Felton Pidgin
Blennerhassett, Charles Felton Pidgin
The Climax, Charles Felton Pidgin
Hugh Wynne, S. Weir Mitchell
Elizabeth and Her German Garden, \$1.50 edition-illuminated borders

The Benefactress, By Author of "Elizabeth and her German Garden"

The Luck of Roaring Camp, Bret Harte
When Knighthood was in Flower, Edwin Caskoden.
Gentleman from Indiana, The, Booth Tarkington
Monsieur Beaucaire, Booth Tarkington
Stringtown on the Pike, John Uri Lloyd
Warwick of the Knobs, John Uri Lloyd
The Portion of Labor, Mary E. Wilkins
The Valley of Decision, Edith Wharton
The First Christmas, (just out) Lew Wallace
Avery, (just out) Elizabeth Stuart Phelps
Double Barrelled Detective Story, A, Mark Twain
The Conqueror, Gertrude Atherton
The Fighting Bishop, Herbert M. Hopkins
The Mate of the Good Ship York, W. Clark Russell
To the End of the Trail, Frank Lewis Nason
Ralph Marlowe, James Ball Naylor
The Sign of the Prophet, James Ball Naylor
In the Days of St. Clair, (just out) James Ball Naylor
Lazarre, Mary H. Catherwood

The Making of an American, Jacob Riis
Captain Macklin, Richard Harding Davis
Ranson's Folly, Richard Harding Davis
The Blue Flower, Henry Van Dyke
The Ruling Passion, Henry Van Dyke
The Vultures, Henry Seton Merriman
Joe's Paradise, Marshall Saunders
The Man from Glengarry, Ralph Connor
The Cavalier, G. W. Cable
Helmet of Navarre, The, Bertha Runkle
The Virginian, Owen Wister
A Speckled Bird, Augusta Evans Wilson
Castle Cranecrow, George Barr McCutcheon
Dorothy Vernon of Haddon Hall, Charles Major
The Lady Paramount, Henry Harland
Dorothy South, George Cary Eggleston
Miss Petticoats, Dwight Hilton
The Battleground, Ellen Glasgow
The Fortunes of Oliver Horn, F. Hopkinson Smith
The Hound of the Baskervilles, A. Conan Doyle,
Abner Daniel, Will N. Harben
The Madness of Philip, Josephine Donge Daskam
The Spenders, Harry Leon Wilson
The Blazed Trail, Stewart Edward White
The History of Sir Richard Calamady, Lucas Malet
The Diary of a Goose Girl, Kate Douglas Wiggin
A Pasteboard Crown, Clara Morris
The Captain of the Gray Horse Troop, Hamlin Garland
Up from Slavery, Booker T. Washington
Alice of Old Vincennes, Maurice Thompson

FOR THE LADIES

Every woman can have a good complexion by using Bu-Plex-On or Face Vaporizer.

The natural methods. Harmless and efficient. Postpaid in plain package at prices named. Do not use dangerous drugs or poisons.

Bu-Plex-On, Postpaid, 50 Cents.
Bu-Plex-On Powder, 25 Cents.



Face Vaporizer. For oily skin, pimples, etc. Oxidized Copper, \$1.50.



The most interesting catalogue of novelties and goods for ladies sent Free on request.

35c. AGENTS WANTED.

All Goods Guaranteed as Represented.



"Slip-On" Dress Shields are the handiest and best made. No sewing in or ripping out. Waterproof, durable, easily cleaned. Postpaid 35c.



Ribbon Steamer and Freshener. Renovates ribbons and velvets perfectly. Will save its cost every three months. Are selling by thousands. Agents are reaping a harvest selling them.

Nick Nack Specialty Co., 700 Barry Bldg., Rochester, N.Y.

VICK PUBLISHING CO.,

ROCHESTER, : : : : NEW YORK.



Published by VICK PUBLISHING COMPANY.

FRANCIS C. OWEN, Pres. CHARLES E. GARDNER, Treas
EDITORIAL STAFF.

FRANCIS C. OWEN - Editor
FLORENCE BECKWITH - Associate Editor
BENJAMIN B. KEECH - Talks About Flowers
N. HUDSON MOORE - Nature Department
MRS. G. T. DRENNEN - Household Department
STELLA M. ALDERSON - Children's Department
H. E. VAN DEMAN - Fruit Department
VICTORIA WELLMAN - Mother's Meeting
JOHN ELLIOTT MORSE - Garden Department
CHARLES F. THOMPSON - Poultry Department

CONTRIBUTORS.

Mrs. G. T. Drennan—Dame Durden—Geo. B. Moulder—Ruth Raymond—E. S. Gilbert—Dart Fairthorne—Mrs. W. A. Cutting—Mary Moore Thurlow—Emily A. Watson—Ethelyn—Mrs. Emma Wilson—L. H. Read—Mrs. W. M. Knoer—Anna Lyman—Mary H. Coates—Emma Clearwaters—Emma B. French, V. M. Couch.

SUBSCRIPTION—50 cents a year in advance. 3 years \$1.00.

No name will be entered on our list unless paid at least six months in advance.

Remittances received from subscribers in arrears will be applied: 1. To pay arrears to date remittance is received. 2. The balance, if any, will be applied to advance subscription.

Vick's Family Magazine is published the first of each month. Should subscribers not receive their magazine promptly they will confer a favor by giving notice, thus enabling us to send another copy.

Discontinuances: Any subscriber wishing to stop the magazine must notify the publishers and pay up all arrears, otherwise he is responsible for payment as long as it is sent.

Change of Address: Should a subscriber wish his address changed he should give both the old and the new address, otherwise his name cannot be found. If your former postoffice has been discontinued on account of rural free delivery, notify us and state the correct postoffice to which to send the magazine now.

Send Money by registered letter or in any safe way but do not send stamps unless absolutely necessary. Express orders cost no more than postage money orders. They can be procured at any express office and we prefer them. Make money orders payable to Vick Publishing Co. No checks accepted.

Please Notice. If this paragraph is marked, it is to notify you that your subscription expires with this issue. Let us have your renewal at our special rate of three years for \$1.00. We are confident you will be pleased with Vick's in the future. As it is our custom to continue sending the magazine to all subscribers until ordered discontinued, you will still receive it regularly, but we hope to receive your renewal fee by return mail.

Special Notice. This magazine is not connected in any way with any seed house. Be sure to address all correspondence to the Vick Publishing Company.

Advertising. Our magazine is recognized as one of the most profitable for general advertising. Guaranteed circulation 50,000. Rates 20c an agate line. Fourteen agate lines to the inch. The Magazine goes to press on the 15th of each month.

All subscriptions and advertisements should be forwarded to the Vick Publishing Company, DANSVILLE, N. Y. 62 STATE ST. ROCHESTER, N. Y.

Entered as second-class matter at the Dansville, N. Y., Post Office.

CONTENTS—December, 1902.

Fields of Flowers in Oregon.....	1
Telling Time by Flowers.....	1
The Earth has Grown Old (Poetry).....	1
Winter Decorations.....	2
Green in Winter.....	2
Night-Blooming Cacti.....	3
The Night-Blooming Cereus (Poetry).....	3
Mid-Winter Flowers and Greenery.....	4
Snow Flakes (Poetry).....	4
Origin and Customs of Christmas.....	4
Talks About Flowers.....	5
Through Fields and Woodlands.....	6
A Slight Mistake.....	8
Merry Christmas (Poetry).....	9
A Hero in an Unfought Battle.....	9
December (Poem).....	9
Mothers' Meeting.....	10
Bright-Eyed Circle.....	11
General, A Christmas Story.....	12
Confections for Christmas.....	14
John Elliott Morse.....	15
Editorial.....	17
Fruit Notes—Notes for the Month; Pruning Grape Vines.....	18
In School Days (Poetry).....	19
Plants Protect Themselves.....	19
Pop Corn Fancies (Poetry).....	21
Ruth's Dog Towzer.....	21
In The Garden—December Plans; Small Gardens; What We Grew; Some Other Things; Some Reflections.....	24
Poultry Page—Buff Orpington Question; Poultry Notes; Success in Making Hens Lay in Cold Weather.....	26
Jes' Fore Christmas (Poetry).....	30
Pattern Department.....	36
Kitty Gray (Poetry).....	38
Are We Making Mistakes With Our Boys?.....	40
Two Good Fat Hens (Concluded).....	41
The Summer of the Heart (Poetry).....	42
Photo Frame.....	42
Small Aids for the Thrifty Housewife.....	42
The Winter Trees (Poetry).....	43
An Important Health Item.....	43
The Care of the Teeth.....	44
Successful Shirking.....	45

EDITORIAL.

To travel hopefully is better than to arrive.—Robert Louis Stevenson.

Some house plants do particularly well in a north window. Primula obconica and the Chinese Primrose do finely in such a location, often blooming all winter without intermission. Ferns, Palms and Araucarias also do well when they have nothing but a north light and no sunshine.

I must tell you how very highly I value your magazine.—Mrs. C. T., East New Market, Md.

The air of the kitchen is warm and moist, and thus well adapted to growing plants. A window box of mints, herbs, and plants used for seasoning and garnishing will be useful as well as ornamental in the kitchen. Parsley will do particularly well; the curled varieties are most desirable for garnishing, and are sometimes pressed into service for bouquet green.

I think your magazine is an excellent one. B. J. C. Laramie, Wyo.

The making of gifts has been discussed pro and con from time immemorial and our impression is that more people will make gifts during the holiday season of 1902 than in any previous year. It is not necessary to make expensive gifts as it is the spirit of friendship shown by the giver that is most appreciated. A suitable book always makes an acceptable present and a yearly subscription to a magazine or periodical an ideal one, as your friend is reminded of you each week or month during the year when the publication comes to hand.

I like the improved form of your magazine very much, and do not want to be without it.—Mrs. O. W. W., Hansen, Nevada.

The habit of reading, if directed in proper channels, is one which brings profit as well as pleasure. There never was a time when good books and periodicals could be obtained so cheaply as today. As evidence of this, look over our wonderful clubbing offers on pages 22 and 23 and our list of books on page 31.

Instead of spending the long winter evenings eating apples, telling stories or playing games, order some of this reading matter and improve these precious hours to prepare for a more prosperous season next year.

I would not be without your magazine. I only wish I had time to go around and canvass for it, so that it would reach all the homes of this place.—J. D., Tooele, Utah.

All re-unions, whether in the form of family gatherings, annual neighborhood or town picnics, semi-centennial or centennial celebrations, have their pleasant features, but the more recently inaugurated observance of "old home"-week seems to embody in it all that tends to make the other gatherings delightful.

Many of those who have been long absent from the place of their birth, or where their early years were spent, look back upon it as the pleasantest spot on earth, and, through all vicissitudes, cherish the hope of once more returning to it. From year to year the projected visit is perhaps postponed, waiting for the more convenient season when everything will be favorable, and which generally never comes. To such, "old home" week appeals with irresistible strength, for the thought that there will be no one to welcome them often deters from revisiting it those who have been long away from their native place. "Old home" week brings so many back at the same time that it has an additional attraction to those who have been absent for years.

But the pleasure and profit of the occasion are not by any means confined to the returning wanderers. A project in which all the people have an interest and take part is of invaluable benefit to the community, directly and indirectly. It always goes to show what can be done by united effort, tends to abolish the unreasonable class prejudices which sometimes exist, and induces a feeling of

good-fellowship and mutual interest both pleasant and profitable. When the people have worked together in one enterprise, they are much more likely to undertake others of a public nature which require concerted action.

Often, too, some of the visitors who have been prospered in worldly affairs are moved to do something for their native place, such as contributing money to improve the cemetery, found a library, build a town hall, or for some other public enterprise; but this should be done spontaneously, not from solicitation.

The movement is spreading and we hope that before many years every community will follow the example of some of the eastern states, notably New Hampshire and Massachusetts, set apart some time in the summer or fall, a day or two or a week, in which all old residents will be welcomed, bonfires built on the hills, meetings held for reminiscences and general rejoicing.

"There is no place like the old place,
Where you and I were born;
Where we lifted first our eyelids on the
Splendors of the morn."

"There are no times like the old times,
They shall never be forgot;
There is no place like the old place,
Keep green the dear old spot."

Our Prize Contests

A large number have already sent in articles and stories. Send yours as soon as prepared. You can surely write an interesting and profitable article or story for one of our many contests. Read full particulars and instructions below.

NO. 1.—SHORT STORIES.

FIRST PRIZE \$50.00. SECOND PRIZE \$20.00. Third \$10.00. Fourth, fifth and sixth, \$5.00 each; the 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th, \$3.00 each. The stories must be of pure moral character and must not contain less than 2,000 or more than 5,000 words. We prefer to have scenes laid either in England or America.

NO. 2.—CHILDREN'S STORIES.

FIRST PRIZE \$15.00. SECOND PRIZE \$10.00. Third \$5.00. Fourth and fifth, \$3.00 each. Sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth and tenth, \$2.00 each. Stories must be suited for children between the ages of six and twelve years. We prefer them about animals, flowers or birds and such as will tend to make them kind to pets and animals, or give them an interest in studying nature.

NO. 3.—FLORAL ARTICLES.

FIRST PRIZE \$15.00. SECOND PRIZE \$10.00. Third \$5.00. The 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th \$2.00 each; the 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th 16th, 17th and 18th \$1.00 each. Articles may contain from 200 to 1,000 words. Must be concisely told and must be plain and practical. We prefer articles based on actual experience. They may treat of one or more house plants, garden flowers or shrubs suitable for any month of the year. Articles of from 500 to 1,000 words may be told in story form if you prefer.

NO. 4.—HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

FIRST PRIZE \$5.00. SECOND PRIZE \$2.50. Third Prize \$1.50; and 25 additional prizes of a year's subscription each. If you know of some easy way to do a certain kind of work or any valuable point about housework, arrangement of furniture, making of clothing, care of children, etc., etc., tell it for the benefit of our women readers. If you do not feel that you can write it up suitably, give us the facts and we will arrange them. It is information—practical points, that we want.

NO. 5.—GARDEN POINTS.

FIRST PRIZE \$5.00. SECOND PRIZE \$2.50. Third Prize \$1.50; and 25 additional prizes of a year's subscription each. Perhaps you have made a great success of some particular thing in your garden this year, tell us about it. Tell it in as few words as possible. We give the prizes for the best and most helpful information.

NO. 6.—POULTRY HELPS.

FIRST PRIZE \$5.00. SECOND PRIZE \$2.50. Third \$1.50 and 25 additional prizes of a year's subscription each. If you know some feature of poultry keeping or raising which would be helpful to our readers, write it out and send it in. Tell it briefly and plainly. It may treat of any feature of the business.

NO. 7.—POETRY.

FIRST PRIZE \$5.00. SECOND PRIZE \$2.50. Third Prize \$1.50 and 25 additional prizes of a year's subscription each. Poems must not be longer than seven verses of eight lines each, short ones are preferred. May be on any subject suitable for the magazine.

NO. 8.—PHOTOGRAPHS.

FIRST PRIZE \$5.00. SECOND PRIZE \$2.50. Third Prize \$1.50 and 25 additional prizes of a year's subscription each. Photographs must be those taken by amateurs and may be of any subject either out of doors or inside, if suitable for publication in the magazine. Write name and address on back of photograph and if you wish it returned send postage for that purpose.

DIRECTIONS. Manuscript must be plainly written and on one side of paper only. Your letter must be addressed to PRIZE DEPARTMENT, VICK'S FAMILY MAGAZINE, 62 STATE ST., ROCHESTER, N. Y., and the number of the contest plainly marked on the outside of the envelope. At the top of the first page of Mss. must appear the author's name and address, also number of words. If you desire Mss. returned if not successful in winning a prize, sufficient postage must be enclosed for its return. Mss. should be sent in as soon as possible to give time to review carefully. The contest will close March 25, 1903.

CONDITIONS. We reserve the right to buy at our regular cash rates any Mss. submitted. We desire only practical and helpful matter submitted, and to avoid mere trifles entering the contest we have made it a condition that all entering the contest must enclose 50 cents for a subscription to the magazine either for themselves or another person. Those desiring to submit more than one article may submit three for every two subscriptions sent. A three-year subscription at our special rate of \$1.00 will be counted as two yearly subscriptions. All conditions are plainly given in this announcement and we cannot enter into correspondence with those desiring to enter the contest.



FRUIT NOTES

By Prof. H. E. VanDeman.

Notes for the Month.

See that the fences are all in good order, where there are any trees or other things that stock may injure. It is said that "the cow is the nurseryman's best friend," because she makes places for much more than he has to sell. Begin early to plan for the next spring's work. Decide what should be planted and where it shall be set so that there need be no hasty decisions to make when the time comes. Send for the catalogues of several good nurseries, that you may compare prices and study the varieties during stormy days and long winter evenings.

There will be new tools needed, in all probability, another year, and these should be determined upon in good season. It may be that the manufacturers or dealers will be rushed with orders, so that it will be difficult or impossible for you to get yours filled when you want it, if you defer giving it until close to the time the tools are needed. It is a satisfaction to both parties to have no hurrying or disappointments.

Fix up the old tools in good time, too. There is always something out of order, and a few hours spent in repairing while the time is not so precious as when everything is rushing one is worth more than we are apt to think. Imagine the disgust that is likely to be felt by yourself and the hands next spring or summer when the plow is found to need a new handle or the single tree requires a hasty trip to the shop in town before the work can go on as planned.

Another matter that should be all studied out and prepared for in winter time is the whole subject of spraying. The latest State and Government bulletins and the rural papers should be procured and read critically, to make sure that the work planned is up-to-date. There is something new being learned by all of the scientists every year. With rare exceptions they are ready and anxious to give the public the benefit of their discoveries, and we are to blame if we do not know what they are. Get the ingredients long before they are needed, so far as is possible. Some of them will keep from year to year.

Pruning Grape Vines.

December is a good time to prune the grape vines. Those who are in the business of growing grapes know when and how to prune, and what I may say is not to them, but, there are

many who have only a few vines that may not know about this matter.

The time to prune grape vines is not limited to early spring, although that is the time when it is usually done. As soon as the leaves fall the vines are in proper condition. By December the most of the Fall work is over and the severe cold weather has not come on, except in the extreme north. Even there it is well, in some sections, to have the vines pruned, laid down and covered with earth, that they may pass the winter in safety. In any case it is so much done and out of the way when spring opens.

The methods of pruning should be in accord with the location of the vines, their intended use and the species and varieties to be pruned. If it should be the Concord, or almost any kind commonly grown in the regions east of the Rocky Mountains, some system of training that admits of rather long bearing canes is the most suitable. Nature's effort is to have very long vines, reaching far from the ground and with but little fruit on them. For purposes of shade, mainly, as is sometimes wanted, there should be much less cutting back than in a vineyard, where fruit is the main object. No special style need be used, in such a case, but the common sense of the pruner can be the guide.

In small vineyards a trellis, made on a definite plan and to suit a particular system of training is generally made and in use. There are, commonly two or three wires, stapled to posts, the top one being about five feet from the ground. This is a good trellis and by no means a costly one. The Kniffin arm and spurs or fan systems are the most common styles of training. Anyone who is interested enough to plant and care for a vineyard, even though it be a small one, is apt to have adopted some plan and studied into the intricacies. To such I have only to say, do not be too severe with the vines. Those who have not decided upon any system will do well to lose no time in coming to a decision. There are good books on the subject, giving the necessary details.

A very simple plan, and one that almost anyone can follow with little instruction is the fan system. It resembles the ribs of a fan or the fingers of the open hand extended. The branches are simply trained in a spreading fashion from where they

join the main stalk to the wires above. The ends of some may extend to the top wire and others should not be so long. An equal distribution over the trellis is the main end to be attained.

In the South, where the Scuppermon, James, and other varieties of the rotundifolia class succeed they need no pruning whatever. All they need is a frame or arbor to spread over. Indeed, pruning is injurious to them.

On the Pacific Slope, where the finest grapes of the Old World are almost universally grown an entirely different system of training is practiced. The vines are caused to form stumpy trunks, from which branches grow out each year and are cut back to only a few buds each. No trellis or support of any kind is needed after the first few years.

The Black Ben Davis as I Found it at Home.

As I have before said publicly, about the Black Ben Davis-Gano contention, the truth is what we should know. Therefore, I made a long-contemplated trip to Washington County, Arkansas, to see for myself the trees in bearing, if there were any to be found. I had been uncertain as to the true identity of the apple which has been pushed by Stark Bros., and had promised myself to some time critically investigate the matter and learn the facts for myself.

I first went to the place where the original tree was said to have stood. I had doubted whether there was such a place, but it was found, if we are to believe the word of honest-minded country people. The spot was shown me at the rear of a log cabin by the two old people, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, who live there. They told me the tree died in 1889, because the chickens had roosted on it so much as to injure the branches for several years before; and, that the largest branch had leaned over the back part of the low roof and was cut-off the year before. The tree had borne very heavily from the time it was first known by them. They both spoke of the apples in very approving terms, as being better tasted than Ben Davis and keeping later. They said it bore regularly, and that the fruit kept later in the spring than Ben Davis.

Look up our Special Club Offers to Fruit Growers on page 22. You will probably find journals that you want next year. Send your order to us, we can save you money.

STARK TREES SUCCEED WHERE OTHERS FAIL
Largest Nursery. Fruit Book Free. Result of 78 years' experience
STARK BROS., Louisiana, Mo.; Dansville, N. Y.; Etc

I Can Sell Your Farm
no matter where it is. Send description, state price and learn how. Est. '66. Highest references. Offices in 14 cities.
W. M. Ostrander-1917 N. A. Bldg., Philadelphia

FARMERS' SONS WANTED with knowledge of farm stock and fair education to work in an office, \$60 a month with advancement; steady employment; must be honest and reliable. Branch offices of the association are being established in each state. Apply at once giving full particulars. The Veterinary Science Association, London, Canada.

"GINSENG"

Magazine Form. 16 Pages.
25c. per Year. Sample Copy 5c.
Special Crops Pub. Co., Box 607 Skaneateles N. Y.

GINSENG Plants and seed for sale. See here, you can make big profits growing Medicinal Roots for the market. We furnish the plants and seed to start you a garden. Write at once for prices and catalogue.
TIOUGHNOGA MEDICAL GARDENS,
Corland, 80 Fitz Ave., N. Y.

Ginseng, Complete directions for cultivating "From Seed to Market" for a 2-cent stamp, if you mention this paper. Royal Ginseng Gardens, Little York, N. Y.



Be Your Own Chiropodist. We have a handsome 20 page illustrated booklet on "How to have Easy, Healthy, Shapely Feet," which we will mail to any address for a 2c. stamp. Bunions can be cured. The booklet tells you how to do it in your own home without cutting and without the slightest inconvenience. It also tells about the prevention and removal of corns, ingrowing toe nails and the treatment of all kinds of foot troubles. **Foot Remedy Co., Suite 563, 59 Dearborn St., Chicago.**

IMPORTED PERFUMES

The most exquisite creations in modern French Perfumes, particularly sweet and lasting, possessing an individuality entirely their own. These Extracts have no superior for durability and fragrance. Carnation, Heliotrope, Jockey Club, Lilac, Lily of the Valley, Violette, White Rose
AGENTS
1 oz. Stopped **WANTED**
Bottles, 50c; 1/2 oz., 25c; silver.
ROBERT J. ROSS,
Perfumer STA. B, NEW YORK

WE WANT A SALESMAN, MAN OR WOMAN,
In each County of the United States, where we are not represented, to sell our PURE SPICES, EXTRACTS, PERFUMES, ETC., direct to Consumers. No capital required. Steady, pleasant and profitable work. Agents make from \$15 to \$25 a week. WRITE FOR CHOICE OF TERRITORY, PARTICULARS, CATALOGUE AND FREE QUALITY SAMPLES. Address, **ALEXANDER & CO.,** Manufacturing Chemist, Established 1856 No. 23 B'dway, Greensburg, Ind.

CHEAP FARM LANDS

Located on the Yazoo & Mississippi Valley
R. R. in the famous

YAZOO VALLEY

of Mississippi - Specially adapted to the raising of

COTTON, CORN, CATTLE AND HOGS.

SOIL RICHEST IN THE WORLD

Write for Pamphlets and Maps.

E. P. SKENE, Land Commissioner,
Central Station, Park Row, Room, 520
CHICAGO, ILL.

DIAMONDS on credit

YOU can make a Christmas gift of a beautiful Diamond. You have only to make a selection of a ring, brooch, locket, stud, earrings, cuff buttons or a watch. We send it for your examination, if it pleases you, pay one fifth of the price and keep it. Send the balance in 8 equal monthly payments. We give a written guarantee with every diamond, make exchange at any time, or cheerfully refund money if goods are not satisfactory. Write for catalogue, it shows thousands of beautiful things for Christmas within the reach of all, through our Liberal Credit System. Our prices are from 10 to 20 per cent. lower than local dealers.

LOFTIS BROS. & CO., Diamond Importers and Manufacturing Jewelers, Dept. 9-S 92 to 98 State St., Chicago, Ill., U. S. A.

DODD'S CACTI RANCH

The **Marvelous Resurrection Plant** presents a dry shriveled up dead appearance, but when placed in water it opens and resembles a lovely velvet green fern-like moss; both odd and beautiful. The **Star of Bethlehem** or **Living Rock Cactus**; the wonder of wonders in the plant kingdom, resembles intricate carved stone work. Also many other varieties of **TEXAN** and **MEXICAN CACTI**. Cacti are especially adapted to house culture in winter with their delicate and variegated flowers and their curious and unique growth. The above 2 plants sent prepaid for 35 cents silver, or send \$100 for above 2 and 4 other rare varieties of cacti.

W. H. Dodd's Cacti Ranch, Langtry, Texas.

ARE YOU AND YOURS SAFE

From Contagious and Infectious Diseases? **Persian Pad** protects perfectly against Small Pox, Scarlet Fever, Measles, Croup, Whooping Cough and Diphtheria, and all diseases due to germs or microbes. Cures Liver, Stomach and Kidney troubles, Weak Back and Lumbago. Persian Pad is worn next the skin and is better and safer than all internal medicines. A full size pad sent for 25c silver or stamps. Send today. **THE WILSON CO.,** P. O. Box 448, Kansas City, Mo.

33% DIVIDEND

paid by the Mexican Plantation Association, 1602 Title and Trust Building, Chicago, Ill. Oldest of its kind in Mexico. **ESTABLISHED 1897.** Has 6,000 shares, or acres, planted to permanent crops, rubber, coffee and vanilla. The Association's contract is like an insurance policy—in case of death the money is refunded. 38 deaths have occurred since 1897. These shares will now be resold. For full particulars, address as above.

FREE

To Boys and Girls.

These two presents, and a list of 100 others, for selling only 12 pkgs of needles at 10 cents a package. When sold send us the \$1.20 and receive your present free. Send your name to **THE DALE CO.,** Box 1011, AMSTERDAM, N. Y.

Patents, Trade Marks, COPYRIGHTS, etc.,

MUNN & CO., Solicitors of Patents.

Office of the SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN

361 Broadway, New York.

Branch Office: 625 F St., Washington, D. C.

Hand-book Sent Free on Application.

A BIG GIFT for little money. We have collected a choice lot of games, mystic entertainment, pantomime, etc., particularly adapted to making this season merry, and put them all into one large package, which we send postpaid for only 12c. All the board games include board and men. Send today and be ready to entertain friends. **JOHNS BARGAIN HOUSE,** Quincy, Massachusetts.

Be More Ambitious

Join the leaders. It is up to you to succeed or fail in life. Send one dollar for a share of stock and learn our method. Means hundreds in your pocket.

LITTLE LEADERS' CO., New York City.

P. O. Box 1869, New York City.

GIVEN AWAY to introduce our new 14-kt. gold plate fountain pen; we offer one free to anyone answering this; send 2c stamp for particulars. **CLIMAX MFG. CO.,** Middletown, Conn.

FUN

COMICAL CONVEX MIRROR—makes fat people look thin and thin people fat. Funniest of novelties. Order one at once. Mailed in neat pocket case for 10c; 3 for 25c. Address **A. F. RETZMAN** 137 Laflin St., Dept. 7, Chicago.

In School Days.

Still sits the schoolhouse by the road,
A ragged beggar sunning;
Around it still the sumacs grow,
And blackberry vines are running.

Within the master's desk is seen,
Deep-scarred by raps official;
The warping floor, the battered seats,
The jackknife's carved initial.

The charcoal frescoes on its wall;
Its door's worn sill, betraying
The feet that, creeping slow to school,
Went storming out to playing!

Long years ago a winter sun
Shone o'er it at setting;
Lit up its western window-panes,
And low eaves' icy fretting.

It touched the tangled golden curls
And brown eyes full of grieving
Of one who still her steps delayed
When all the school were leaving.

For near her stood the little boy
Her childish favour singled;
His cap pulled low upon a face
Where pride and shame were mingled.

Pushing with restless feet the snow
To right and left, he lingered—
As restlessly her tiny hands
The blue-checked apron fingered.

He saw her lift her eyes; he felt
The soft hand's light caressing,
And heard the tremble of her voice,
As if a fault confessing.

"I'm sorry that I spelt that word;
I hate to go above you,
Because"—the brown eyes lower fell,—
"Because, you see, I love you!"

Still memory to a gray-haired man
That sweet child-face is showing,
Dear girl! the grasses on her grave
Have forty years been growing!

He lives to learn in life's hard school,
How few who pass above him
Lament their triumph and his loss,
Like her—because they love him.

John Greenleaf Whittier.

Plants Protect Themselves.

A single leaf of an apple tree has one hundred thousand pores, and through every one of these water is constantly passing off into the surrounding atmosphere. Air has an enormous appetite for water, and the drier it is the more it takes up.

Considering the way in which the atmosphere is constantly forcing the apple tree and every other plant to give up its moisture, the marvel is that after a very few days of hot sunshine every plant does not wither and dry up. Yet even those growing in light soil and exposed situations manage to withstand weeks of drought without losing their greenness. More marvelous still, acacias and cacti will grow and remain green out on the wastes of the fiery desert in Africa and Arizona.

Plants, like all other living things, have learned to adapt themselves to their situations, and to take precautions accordingly. Water to plants is more valuable than gold is to human beings, and where the supply is scanty they have learned to hoard it as carefully as a miser does his treasure.

Plants cannot refuse to give up water altogether, for otherwise they could not grow. All their food is taken up by their roots, dissolved in water. This sap rises through their veins and feeds them. They make use of the mineral matter, and then

let the water which contained it escape through their lungs—that is, their leaves.

But their methods of holding on to sufficient water to keep them green and flourishing are many and ingenious. Go out and pick a leaf from any plant or shrub—a hawthorn leaf, for instance. You will notice that its upper side is much smoother than the under side.

The upper side looks dull in comparison. This is because the upper side is exposed to the direct rays of the sun. The glaze prevents the hot rays sucking all the water out of the surface of the leaf. Some plants, indeed, refuse entirely to part with water through the upper side of the leaf. Laurustinus and lilac leaves have no pores at all on the shiny upper surface of the leaves.

Pine trees inhabit dry, sandy soils. These refuse to grow wide leaves, but confine themselves to producing thick, fleshy needles, which have very few openings through which water can escape. Cabbages need an enormous quantity of water, but unless the sup-

(Continued on page twenty-nine.)

Cause of Headache.

Sick headache is caused by a general deranged condition of the system. It is often called bilious headache. It comes from indigestion. Do not depend upon a combination of medicine and fasting to rid yourself of these distressing attacks. When the stomach has been burdened with improper food, a little rest for it may be helpful. When the sick headache is on, proper medicine may relieve the terrible pain; but nourishment, and strength and nutrition are better than either starvation or drugs. Better help nature than to try to force it. Better to give the stomach good food than medicine.

People who live upon a correct diet do not have sick headaches. Stomachs that are not abused do not rebel.

Malta-Vita neither forces nor stimulates. It just nourishes and strengthens. Malta-Vita is the most nourishing food known. It drives away headaches and other disorders by supplying the natural forces with power to overcome these ills. Good, rich, strengthening food will put the human system in healthy condition, then there is no need of fasting or drugs.

Malta-Vita is a food made from the whole wheat, thoroughly cooked and impregnated with the extract of barley malt, flaked and toasted; the most perfect food known.

Easily digested and assimilated by the weakest system. Equally good for old and young, sick or well.

When moral courage feels that it is in the right, there is no personal daring of which it is incapable.

Leigh Hunt.

Important to Mothers and Girls.

We wish to call the attention of mothers and girls to the advertisement of the Bisque Doll Co., of Bridgeport, Conn., to be found elsewhere in this issue. It is one of the wonders of this advanced age how such a beautiful doll can be given for so little work. They give a genuine imported doll for selling \$2 worth of jewelry novelties.

In addition to the doll they also give a Turquoise Bracelet and Gold laid Ring. If you want these presents free write to the Bisque Doll Co., Dept. D 5, Bridgeport, Conn.

He that fancies himself very enlightened, because he sees the deficiencies of others, may be very ignorant, because he has not studied his own.

Bulwer.

A New Stomach

We Make Yours Over FREE.

If you have indigestion, sour stomach or dyspepsia we want the chance to prove to you **absolutely free** of charge that "**Dox Digestine Doucettes**" will cure you. They have delivered thousands from a life of misery—from starvation in the midst of plenty—they will do the same for you. Pepsin, Pancreatin and Ptyalin the chief ingredients of other digestive remedies, do the work for the stomach and make that organ lazy; while Dox Digestive Doucettes dissolved in the mouth coax the salivary and Peptic glands and the Pancreas to do their own work. The next meal these organs are encouraged to try again, and soon are doing full-duty. A lady in Long Island (name given on request) writes "For years I dared not eat a full meal but since using "Doucettes" I can eat whatever I like and digest it perfectly. I am astonished that medicine so pleasant to take can accomplish such splendid results." "**Dox Digestine Doucettes**" are as pleasant to take as candy and can be safely used by all from baby to grandpa.

DON'T SUFFER LONGER.

Write today for a free trial Box which will be sent by return mail, postage paid or better still send 25c. for a full size box. Address plainly, **Dox Remedy Co., 65 Richards St., Rochester, N. Y.**

L \$75 style ring Free by Mail

O only

O \$2

K All diamonds & Carbon

SOLID GOLD SHELL



To introduce our *Diamond and Watch Catalogue*, we will send by Mail your choice of Ring No. 1, set with 12 Carbon Diamonds and a beautiful Moonstone; or Ring No. 2, set with 3 elegant Genuine Opals and 15 Carbon Diamonds for you to examine if you will send us 10c in stamps to Register the package. You can examine at your home if equal to a \$75 Genuine Diamond ring then mail us \$2 and keep it or return at once. All mountings wear a lifetime, Solid 14-K Gold Shell. *Send no money*, only your address with size wanted or send paper fitted tight over finger. *Don't buy a Watch or Ring anywhere until seeing our Great Bargains.* Let us send you either Ring, by Registered Mail. Address, **CARBON DIAMOND CO.,** 405 So. Clinton St., Syracuse, N. Y.

LIGHTING ADDING MACHINE. Adds what you can or not. It adds, tallies or verifies into the thousands or millions. So free is it from complicated parts that anyone even a child can operate it. Sent postpaid to any address for 20 cents. Agents wanted. **R. BARRY,** P. O. Box 42, Jersey City, N. J.

It makes gold, silver, glass, like new, and incidentally greenbacks for you.

THE PEARL is the finest polishing agent made, and housewives better send stamp for our special offer; it's a shining one. **Stevens Mfg. Co.,** Reading, Mass.

\$9.98 CASH FOR \$20.00

Complete Violin outfit. Our special holiday offer. Comprises fine, rich dark amber, beautifully flamed black, high finish Violin, a fine instrument, (worth more than we ask for the outfit), a good full fleece lined case with two leather handles, new nickel spring clasps and lock. Bow of Brazil wood. Octagon stick, ebony frog pearl slide and eye, full german silver lined and a Violin instructor. This complete set sent to any address for only \$9.98 cash. Money refunded if not found as represented, or sent C. O. D. on receipt of \$3.00 cash deposit, balance to be paid express agent on arrival. In writing mention **Vick's**

CONSUMERS SUPPLY CO., 3248 Central Ave., Indianapolis, Ind.



WANTED—a man well and favorably known in the farming community reached by this paper, to work from present time till April 1, 1903, getting orders for our well known Standard fertilizer. He would be required to furnish a horse and wagon and canvass the territory allotted to him thoroughly. To the right man we will make it an object to give the business his entire time and best efforts. Address without delay,

THE CLUB AND GRANGE FERTILIZER CO.
Eastwood, Onondaga Co., N. Y.

Best Offer of the Year

Absolutely FREE to Subscribers

Nov. Number and Superb 25 cent Christmas Number of LESLIE'S MONTHLY, and COLLEGE GIRL CALENDAR for 1903, free

Features of LESLIE'S for November and December:

to all who subscribe **NOW.**

"The Mill," a new and striking story by DR. HENRY VAN DYKE.

"The Autobiography of a Thief," a genuine personal narrative of intense human interest.

"Richard Mansfield," a masterly sketch by the first of theatrical critics, WILLIAM WINTER.

Stories by such authors as HARRY STILWELL EDWARDS, CHARLES BATTLE LOMIS, EDEN PHILLPOTS, EGERTON CASTLE and EMERSON HOUGH.



This cut is one-half the size of Calendar figure.

FRANK LESLIE'S POPULAR MONTHLY

10 Cts.; \$1.00 a Year

LOOKING FORWARD—1903

Three Splendid Novels

"Glengarry Stories," a tale of sentiment. A better sequel to "The Man from Glengarry," by RALPH CONNOR.
"The Amethyst Box," a story of mystery as good as "The Leavenworth Case," by ANNA KATHERINE GREEN.

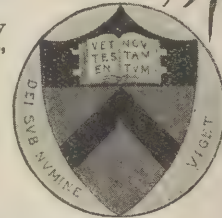
"Dennis Dent," a novel of thrilling interest, by the creator of "The Amateur Cracksmen," ERNEST W. HORNUNG.

Each month will appear colored portraits of the best American actors and actresses, sketched from life and accompanied by frank and authoritative criticisms. Among the sketches made for early numbers are portraits of Joseph Jefferson, Richard Mansfield and Miss Julia Marlowe.

Frank Leslie Publishing House
141-147 Fifth Ave., New York.

You may enter my subscription to Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly for the year 1903. Please send me the College Girl Calendar and November and December numbers of 1902 Free. I enclose \$1.00 for my subscription.

VICK'S



Copyright—1903

PRINCETON YELL

"Hooray,—Hooray,—Hooray,—Tiger, Siss, Boom—Ah!"

COLLEGE GIRL CALENDAR

Beautifully lithographed in 12 colors upon 3 sheets of heavy pebble plate paper, tied with silk ribbon, are the graceful figures of girls dressed in the colors of the great colleges.

On each sheet is the appropriate college seal and the college yell. This calendar carries out the complete college idea, and represents the best work of Miss MAUD STUMM, the famous American water color artist. Size 10 in. by 12 1/2 in.

Remember, if you mention VICK'S MAGAZINE the Beautiful College Girl Calendar for 1903, and the November and December issues are given free, all charges prepaid by us, with each \$1.00 subscription to FRANK LESLIE'S POPULAR MONTHLY for 1903—that is, 14 numbers and Calendar postpaid.

IF YOU SEND \$1.00 NOW TO

Frank Leslie Publishing House, 141-147 Fifth Ave., New York.

The November and December numbers and the Calendar are not given with any combination subscription orders unless so advertised.

Use the attached coupon. Clip it off; fill it out, and mail it to us with \$1.

Pop Corn Fancies.

On the rug by the ingle we pop the corn
In the heat of the curling blaze
And each kernel of gold from the white cob
shorn
Gaily round in the popper plays.
Oh, it's while the popped corn on the plate is
piled
That we rise upon fancy's wing,
With a thought of the winter so bleak and wild
And a thought of the pulsing spring.
For it seems unto us in the rosy glow
Of the grate that dispels all gloom
That each kernel bursts into a flake of snow,
Or a delicate apple bloom.

R. K. Munkitbrick.

Ruth's Dog Towzer.

A very funny thing happened at Ruth's house the other day, and brought her into ill repute with at least one member of the police force. She was a very serious little girl of five, with great, solemn, trustful eyes. No one would ever dream of her, telling what was not exactly true, and she never made a joke in her life.

She was sitting on the bottom step of her stoop on this special morning, when Mr. Smith, the big policeman, came along. He interested Ruth very much by going to the door of every house, a little open book and pencil in his hand. After talking with whoever came to the door for a moment, he turned away, sometimes writing in the little book, but oftener not.

At the minister's door he wrote something, and at Dr. Blake's. Ruth particularly noticed that.

Mr. Smith was a tremendous power in the neighborhood. Not a boy dared to shout or fling a ball when he was in sight; and as for the little girls—well, they always breathed freer when Mr. Smith turned the corner.

Ruth watched the big man until he reached her house.

Then, with a quaking heart, she saw him mount her steps. Mamma opened the door.

"Do you kape a dog, mum?" asked Mr. Smith.

"No," replied the woman, and to Ruth the dear voice seemed to shake with fear.

Mr. Smith bowed sternly, and turned to come down.

It was perfectly clear to Ruth now. Mr. Smith was putting the entire neighborhood under arrest, except those who kept dogs!

The minister had one, and so had Dr. Blake. She meant to save mamma if she could. So she tremblingly faced Mr. Smith on the bottom step, and said gently, "mamma forgot Towser, sir."

Mr. Smith was all attention. "Is this your house?" he questioned.

"Yes, sir." Ruth's great, honest eyes gazed frankly into the grim face, looking down.

"And you have a dog, eh?"

"Yes, sir. Towser is our dog."

Up the steps again went Mr. Smith, and sharply rang the bell. Mamma replied.

"Where's your dog, mum?"

"I told you that we have no dog. We have never had a dog," mamma answered.

"Oh! This is an old trick, mum, though we don't meet it often in these neighborhoods. However, you've got a truthful little girl; and she isn't so sure that ye have no dog. I insist upon seeing him, mum!"

A funny little gleam came in mamma's eyes.

"Ruth," she called, "you may as well bring Towser. The officer insists upon seeing him."

Mr. Smith's face grew very red as Ruth ran up stairs.

Presently she came back. "Here's Towser, sir," she said with a quiver. "Here's our dog!" And she held up to the astonished eyes of the big policeman a dirty Canton flannel dog, one shoe-button eye quite gone, his tail in shreds, and his detached ears pinned to his head with safety pins!

If Mr. Smith had been wise he would have laughed, but Mr. Smith was not on the police force because of his wisdom.

Mamma, though, laughed merrily, while Ruth hugged Towser, and felt that in some roundabout way he and she had saved the family from an awful fate. *Christian Register.*

Poultry Department

(Continued.)

attention is paid to the feeding. Pullets hatched in March, or early in April, have to be mainly depended on for eggs in the late fall. These pullets should have special treatment after they are four months old. As soon as they are out of the house in the morning, they should have a warm feed, though they might not have more than they will eat hungrily, or they will become too fat to lay. Barley meal or ground oats may be given alternately, mixed with double the quantity of middlings. This must be made into a crumbly paste with hot water, a very little salt and pepper being added. Any scraps from the house can be mixed with the meal, for heat is conducive to egg production. Green food and a handful or two of grain, such as wheat, should be given at noon. Before the birds go to roost, they must have a good feed of grain, either wheat; barley or buckwheat, as much as they can eat, but none to be left over.

In cold weather, some warm water to drink the first thing in the morning is good. The grain too, given in at roosting time, can sometimes with advantage be soaked in boiling water, before being given to the fowls. The stimulating powders and spices that are advertised, should be used very sparingly for pullets or harm will be done. Those who wish to use a poultry powder will find the following a good recipe: Aniseed, three parts; fenugreek, four parts; carbonate of iron, two parts; gentian, three parts; and ginger ten parts; a tablespoonful three times a week in the soft food for twelve fowls.

A little hempseed, is a good thing for the laying hens at this season; a handful for half a dozen hens, twice a week. Those hens that are yet moulting, will be helped by having some flower of sulphur mixed with the soft food; a teaspoonful twice a week to six hens in dry weather, but not when it is damp and cold. The house must be kept free from leakage and from draught. If the feeding is done at regular hours, as suggested and not more given at each meal than is readily eaten, and if your hens and pullets hatched about March are kept, they ought to lay by October and continue to lay throughout the winter.

A. V. Meersch.

One Woman's Way of Painting.

The bright wife of a bright Philadelphia newspaper man has to do some of the housework herself, as her husband's income does not justify the luxury of employing help. The other day, finding out that the floor needed painting, she procured the necessary materials, and early in the afternoon set to work.

When her husband returned in the early evening he found her in tears in the center of the room. She had painted the floor all around herself, and there she was, on a little dry island in the middle, afraid of crossing the wet paint for fear of spoiling all her work. Her husband, instead of imitating Sir Walter Raleigh, procured a board and released her from durance vile. Then he meanly told the story.

Philadelphia Telegraph.

Good humor and generosity carry the day with the popular heart all the world over. *Alexander Smith.*

Free Rheumatism Cure.

A Box of simple and harmless remedy which cured many cases of 40 years' standing mailed free to sufferers. Addr. John A. Smith, 909 Germania Building, Milwaukee, Wis.

We call the attention of our readers to the more than liberal offer of the Malta Vita Food Co. of Battle Creek, Mich., which appears on page of this paper.

They give you an opportunity to try the most perfect food manufactured without a cent of cost to you and at the same time you have a chance to earn one of the cash prizes which they offer.

The Malta-Fita Co. are the largest manufacturers of cereal foods in the world and we advise you to write them today for a free sample and for one of their up-to-date Cook Books.

"IF WE V^{SELL} A^{IT} N^{ITS} S^{GOOD}.

For comfort, economy and convenience use our household specialties. We'll please you. Catalogue free. CHAS. N. EVANS & CO., Room 101, N. W. Cor., Fourth and Elm, Cincinnati, Ohio.

"GINSENG"

Mugazine Form. 16 Pages. 25c per Year. Sample Copy 5c. Special Crops Pub. Co., Box 607 Skaneateles N.Y.

EVERY man can get a fall style, 4 button wind cut, Oxford mixed, sack suit, with French facings FREE. Write today with stamp. C. CENTURY, Putnam, Conn.

Hypnotic Disc. A simple marvel to induce hypnosis in self or others. Any system. Sample and Points 10c. V. POINTER CO., Corry, Pa.

A God-send to Consumptives: For stamped addressed envelope, will tell you a positive cure for lung trouble. Mrs. A. Foster, Martinsville, Ind.

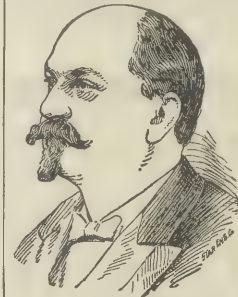
DR. COFFEE
Curing Blindness

Wonderful Stories of People Who Have Been Blind From Five to Twenty Years Being Restored to Sight by Mild Medicines at Their Own Homes.

FREE—80 PAGE BOOK

Will Be Sent to Every Reader of this Paper.

Dr. Coffee states that his remarkable success in curing blindness, cataracts, and all eye diseases is not accomplished by operations but by mild medicines, that patients can use at their own home without visiting a doctor, and cure themselves of all forms of eye diseases.



Dr. Coffee has just published the 3rd edition of his book on "The Eye and its Diseases," which he will send to every person who is afflicted with weak or diseased eyes in any form. It tells people how to cure themselves at home, and

DR. W. O. COFFEE, gives references of thousands of cases cured by him.

He is curing ten thousand patients a year at their homes with these mild medicines.

Dr. Coffee cured Henry C. Laub of Denison, Ia., of cataracts of thirty years standing.

He cured Mrs. T. J. Blackburn of Des Moines, Ia., of blindness after 27 physicians had failed.

He cured A. J. Palmer of Nelrose, Ia., who was totally blind from films and ulcers.

He cured Mrs. Emily Betts of Knox City, Mo., of cataracts and paralysis of the optic nerve.

He cured Mrs. Louisa Baichtell of Sac City, Ia., of cataracts and inflammation.

He cured Mrs. Lucinda Hammond of Aurora, Neb., of cataracts on both eyes.

He cured Geo. B. Brown of Brownsville, Maine, of cataracts on both eyes.

He cured Miss Mae Jenkins of Russell, Ia., of ulcers, inflammation and blindness.

Dr. Coffee's book tells the story of thousands of blind people being restored to sight. If you know of any person whose eyes are weak or blind write Dr. Coffee today. Address,

DR. W. O. COFFEE, 999 Good Block, Des Moines, Ia.

COAL TRUST BROKEN! A marvelous discovery; wonderful new fuel (patent pending); hotter than coal; burns longer; clean, odorless, safe; materials cost almost nothing; easily made by anyone. Agents make big money. Particulars and territory for stamp. COALINE MFG. CO., Box A, Dansville, N. Y.

ORANGE WOOD hand painted Souvenir or Sea Shell worth 50 cts. Send 10 names and 10 cts. H. PACIFIC SUPPLY CO., 441 Crocker St., Los Angeles, California.

Gloria Cream. A perfect skin food. Cures chapped hands and faces, beautifies the complexion. Our Guide to Beauty Free, with each 25c jar. Madam Clarice, 219, 52 Dearborn St., Chicago.

1903 Our 32 page Catalogue for 1903, just issued, describes all the best new Novelties. Sent free. Address Dept. 80, National Mercantile & Manufacturing Company, Richmond, Indiana.

EMBROIDERY SILK for fancy work; 15 skeins, assorted colors, best silks, 12c. EVANS & DRYDEN, 207 Burlington Bldg., St. Louis, Mo.

PILES A new method. Unfailing. Not a salve. You apply your own treatment. No expense. Used by physicians and pile specialists. Cure guaranteed. Ideal Remedy Co., DuBois, Pa.

Sad Irons Must Be Clean. The "None Such Ironing and Polishing Pad" does it. Sample 15c. Agents wanted. Sent Novelty Co., 2007 S. Seventh Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

MAKE MONEY AT HOME. One hour daily makes \$5 to \$25 per week. No canvassing or copying. Particulars, catalogs, and circulars free. CHICAGO HOME MFG. CO., 225 Dearborn Street, Chicago.

Ease Your Tired Feet. Our Coolase will do it. Fragrant and cooling. Trial package 10 cts. THE WARMAN CO., Box 122, Portsmouth, Ohio.

Envelopes printed to order, only \$1 per 1,000; other stationary cheap. Howard Co., 587 Masonic Temple, Chicago.

Complete. Full Size Ping Pong Set Free for selling 18 pieces of Jewelry at 10c each. When sold send us the \$1.80 and get the set free! HESPERUS MFG. CO., Gloucester, Mass.

\$100 Weekly for our agents. Portraits, frames, art goods. Also wholesale to Consumer. Free catalog. Kurz Art. Co., 951 N. Clark St., Chicago.

YOUR LAST CHANCE!

SPECIAL OFFER.
Ladies Home Journal one year } (Until Feb. 1, '03) **BOTH**
Saturday Evening Post one year } for
 As the Saturday Evening Post will be \$2.00 per year after Feb. 1, 1903 you will } \$2.00
 really get \$3.00 worth for \$2.00 by accepting this offer. Either one alone \$1.00. }
 We are agents for these publications, also for **YOUTH'S COMPANION**
 \$1.75 per year. *Send your subscriptions to us.*

This great announcement will not appear again. Accept these marvellous offers now, while you have the opportunity. Order some of the publications listed here, for holiday gifts, nothing could prove more pleasing. If you do not find what you want write us for quotations. We guarantee to quote prices as low as any other publishers.

In addition to the improvements already made, in 1903 we shall still further enlarge and improve the magazine when it will be necessary for us to advance THE SUBSCRIPTION PRICE TO \$1.00 A YEAR, but until that time we will accept subscriptions at 50 cents a year or \$1.00 FOR THREE YEARS. Those who accept the latter offer will really get \$3.00 for \$1.00 as they will get a dollar publication during the greater part of the time. **DO NOT LET THIS GREAT OPPORTUNITY PASS.** Subscribe NOW either for Vick's alone or for any of the clubs given below. **JUST A WORD ABOUT OUR CLUBS:** We positively know them to be the most liberal offered by any publisher this year. They are marvels of cheapness. No one else can approach our prices. It is only by guaranteeing thousands of subscriptions to the various publications that we are able to make these offers. We have done it for your benefit, dear reader, and we are sure you will appreciate it and order freely. If you are already a subscriber to any one of the publications named below, your subscription will be advanced one year from date of expiration. Please call the attention of your friends to our offers and send us their orders with yours. See "Our Offer to Ladies" explained below.

Our Leading Club Offer

The Woman's Home Companion is regarded by thousands of women as the best woman's magazine published. It is a large, handsome publication, beautifully illustrated and printed on fine paper. It contains a great variety of articles from the pens of the foremost writers of the day and illustrations by the leading artists of the country. It contains something for everyone and is a constant joy to the whole household. It is a genuine bargain at the regular subscription price of \$1.00 a year but our great offer makes it possible for you to get it with two other good publications for only \$1.25.

Woman's Home Companion, Price \$1.00 || **ALL THREE FOR**
Good Housekeeping = " **1.00**
Vick's Family Magazine = " **.50** || **\$1.25**
Green's Fruit Grower and above Club, value \$3.00, for only \$1.50.
Vick's Family Magazine THREE YEARS and above two publications one year \$1.75.

Good Housekeeping. No more appropriate name could have been selected for this magnificent magazine. It is filled from cover to cover with the most valuable and helpful information for the practical, up-to-date homekeeper. While it gives due consideration to preparation for dinners, parties, etc., it is mostly devoted to giving practical helps and hints for every day. Under the head of "Discoveries" a large number of women tell each month of new and ingenious ways of doing things which save steps and stitches. This department alone is worth more than the one dollar asked for the magazine to any progressive housekeeper.

BANNER OFFERS

VICK'S FAMILY CLUB.		VICK'S MAGAZINE CLUB.		
Regular Price	Our Club Price	Regular Price	Our Club Price	
American Boy...\$1.00 (With Calendar during Dec.)	All Four \$1.75	Frank Leslie's Pop. Monthly...\$1.00 (With Leslie's Art Calendar)	All Four \$1.75	
American Mother 1.00 Just what every mother needs		Good Housekeeping... 1.00		
Good Housekeeping 1.00		Ledger Monthly...1.00 (Greatly Improved)		
Vick's Magazine...50		Vick's Family Magazine...50		
VICK'S STORY CLUB.		VICK'S FRUIT CLUB.		
American Woman...\$15	All Six \$1.00	Western Fruit Gr...\$50	All Four \$1.15	
Hearth & Home...15		F. F. & Fireside...25 (weekly) 3 mos.		
Happy Hours...15		Green's Fruit Gr...50		
Good Stories...15		Vick's Magazine...50		
Fireside Visitor...15		VICK'S FARM CLUB.		
Vick's Magazine...50		Farm News...\$50		Farm & Fireside...50
VICK'S FARM CLUB.		VICK'S POULTRY CLUB.		
Farm News...\$50	All Five \$1.25	Poultry Success...\$50	All Four \$1.25	
Farm & Fireside...50		Amer. Poultry Adv...25		
Greens Fruit Grower...50		Greens Fruit Grower...50		
F. F. & Fireside...25 (weekly) 3 mos.		Vick's...50		
Vick's...50		VICK'S POULTRY CLUB.		
Poultry Success...\$50	All Four \$1.25	Poultry Success...\$50	All Five \$1.50	
Poultry Keeper...50		Farm News...50		
Amer. Poultry Adv...25		Vick's...50		
Greens Fruit Grower...50		Greens Fruit Grower...50		
Vick's...50		Poultry Success...50		

Ask our price on any publications wanted which are not listed.

	Sub. Price	With Vick's one Year.	With Vicks three years		Sub. Price	With Vick's one Year.	With Vicks three years
American Boy, Detroit, Mich.	\$1.00	\$1.05	\$1.55	Leslie's Popular Monthly and Calendar, New York, N.Y.	\$1.00	\$1.25	\$1.75
American Mother, Battle Creek Mich.	1.00	.80	1.30	Michigan Poultry Breeder, Battle Creek, Mich.	.50	.75	1.25
American Poultry Advocate Syracuse, N. Y.	.25	.60	1.10	Mission Valley Farmer, Topeka, Kans.	.50	.60	1.10
American Woman, Augusta, Me.	.15	.65	1.15	National Magazine, Boston.	1.00	1.05	1.55
The Badger, Milwaukee, Wisc.	.25	.65	1.15	New York Thrice a Wk. Farmer	1.00	1.20	1.70
Cooking Club, Goshen, Ind.	.50	.65	1.15	New York Tribune Farmer (wk) New York, N. Y.	1.00	1.05	1.55
The Country Home, St. Louis	.25	.65	1.15	Ohio Farmer, Cleveland, Ohio.	.60	.95	1.45
Farm & Fireside, Springfield, O.	.50	.75	1.25	Pathfinder, Washington, D. C.	1.00	1.05	1.55
Farm, Field & Fireside, Chicago	1.00	1.05	1.55	Poultry Keeper, Quincy, Ill.	.50	.65	1.15
Farm Journal, Philadelphia, Pa.	.50	.75	1.25	Poultry Success, Des Moines, Ia.	.50	.65	1.15
Farm News, Springfield, Ohio	.50	.65	1.15	Poultry Tribune, Freeport, Ill.	.50	.65	1.15
Farmers Voice, Chicago (wk)	1.00	1.05	1.55	Am. Poultry Journal, Chicago.	.50	.75	1.25
Fireside Visitor, Augusta, Me.	.15	.65	1.15	Reliable Poultry Journal, Quincy, Ill.	.50	.85	1.30
Game Fanciers Journal, Battle Creek, Mich.	1.00	.80	1.30	Special Crops, Skaneateles, N. Y.	.50	.80	1.30
Good Housekeeping, Springfield, Mass.	1.00	1.05	1.50	Southern Ruralist, Atlanta, Ga.	.50	.65	1.15
Good Samaritan, Harrisonville, N. J. (Religious)	.30	.65	1.15	Up To Date Farming and Gardening, Indianapolis, Ind.	.50	.80	1.30
Good Stories, Augusta, Me.	.15	.65	1.15	Wallace's Farmer, Des Moines.	1.00	1.30	1.80
Green's Fruit Grower...50	.50	.65	1.15	Western Fruit Grower, St. Joseph, Mo.	.50	.65	1.15
Household, New York	1.00	1.05	1.55	Woman's Home Companion, Springfield, Ohio.	1.00	1.05	1.55
Housekeeper, Minneapolis, Minn.	.60	.90	1.40	Woman's Work, Athens, Ga.	.50	.65	1.15
Happy Hours, Augusta, Me.	.15	.65	1.15	Young Magazine, New York.	1.00	.85	1.35
Hearth & Home, Augusta, Me.	.15	.65	1.15				
Ladies World, New York, N.Y.	.40	.80	1.30				
Ledger Monthly, New York, N. Y.	1.00	1.05	1.50				

You May Substitute for the Woman's Home Companion in "Our Leading Club" any of the following dollar publications or add one or more of them to any club on this page for 55 cents each, additional. American Boy, The Household, The National Magazine, Ledger Monthly, American Mother, Pathfinder, Farmers' Voice (Weekly), N. Y. Tribune Farmer. Our Window Garden collection advertised on inside of our Back Cover may be substituted for any dollar publication in any of our clubs.

OUR OFFER TO LADIES.

We want your assistance to make our subscription campaign a big success and are willing to pay you liberally for a few minutes of your time. If you will take this copy of Vick's and show it to your friends call their attention to our liberal clubbing offers and secure their orders. Send us **only three orders** for the clubs given on this page and we will place you on our list for Vick's Family Magazine three years, or for any dollar publication mentioned on this page or we will send you **Vick's Window Garden Collection** or the set of **Ping Pong** mentioned below, as you may prefer. For five orders we will give you "Our Leading Club Offer" described above. Act now, do not put it off, your friends may subscribe for something else if you do. Take this copy today, before the sun goes down and see at least three neighbors. They will surely order some of these liberal clubs and you will get your three orders much easier than you think. Do not forget to remind them that Vick's will be enlarged and improved in 1903 and the price advanced to \$1.00, so they will really get a dollar magazine during a large part of their subscription.

Vick's Window Garden Collection.

On page 14 we give a partial description of our great window garden collection. The seven plants retail here in Rochester for 15cts to 25cts each and are bound to give satisfaction to any one who orders them. The collection is worth at retail fully \$1.25. Here is what two of our readers who have ordered, say of them:

Gentlemen—Your Window Garden collection of several plants and pamphlet "How to Make the Window Garden a Success", has been duly received in good condition, and I return my sincere thanks for the same.
 Louis Darnstaedt
 Orange, N. Y., Oct. 6, 1902.

Gentleman—Received the plants all right, and very much pleased with them they are growing fine.
 Sadie L. Atwood.
 Mansfield, Mass., Aug. 28, 1902.

The plants are carefully packed in strong mailing boxes with roots covered with wet moss so they will keep in good condition for days. Remember, we guarantee entire satisfaction. Get these plants—they will be a joy and delight to you all winter and you can plant them outside in the spring if you choose and take them up again the following fall.



Get a Set FREE. This is the genuine Ping Pong made by Parker Bros. of Salem, Mass., sole makers of Ping Pong for the United States and owner of the trade mark and copyright. Ping Pong is "all the go." You must play at it or be behind the times. The greatest game of the age. We will furnish you a complete set, substantial and durable. Price \$1.50 or given for securing three orders for any three clubs on this page. Your own order may be counted as one. Express charges on the set to be paid by you. This is an unusual bargain.

Agents Wanted We want an active agent in every town, village and hamlet to take subscriptions for **Vick's Family Magazine** and our liberal clubbing offers and will pay a cash commission of 25 cents on each yearly subscription or club containing Vick's one year and 50 cents on each three year subscription or club containing Vick's for three years. Our clubbing offers are the most liberal of any publication in America and agents will find it easy work to take orders. Take this copy of the magazine and begin work at once and write us for more copies and subscription blanks.

Address all orders and make remittances payable to **Vick Publishing Co., Rochester, N. Y.**



His Master's Voice

VICTOR TALKING MACHINES

The latest improved and most perfect sound reproducing machine. Is far better in music, speech and song than other machines. Its records are indestructible. For amusement and entertainment there is nothing to surpass it. It won the gold medal over all other talking machines at Buffalo. Send for illustrated Catalogue. J. M. Anderson & Co., V. 6913 Normal Av., Englewood, Ill.

WANTED AT ONCE

LADIES to solicit and demonstrate SOAP. No traveling. Liberal salary. Pleasant work. Sample and particulars. Free. E. R. CO., Box 236, Canton, Ohio.



Ladies, send 25c silver for a handsome 24x24 in. center piece, Hollyberry, Wild Rose or Forget Me Not design. With each centerpiece we send FREE three 9 inch and 6 tumbler doilies, assorted designs, and our big catalogue of stamped goods all for 25c.

Queen City Specialty Co. Box 561, Cumberland, Md.

\$15 Will Furnish Outfit on which there is \$85.00 profit, and start you in a Mail Order Business in your own home, in which you can make \$100 a month. By our system, you can soon have hundreds of Agents working under you. Business suitable for Ladies as well as Gentlemen. Send 2-cent stamp for full particulars. DERR SUPPLY CO., 1287 Herkimer St., Brooklyn, N. Y.



McGINTY WATCH

Greatest of fun makers out. Nickel plated hunting case with chain and clasp. Fools everybody. Press the cover and up flies comical McGinty, grinning and ogling and won't let up until forcibly closed down. Everybody has to laugh. Sample 10 cts; 3 for 25c; 12 for 75c., by mail postpaid. Catalog free with order. Address, VICTOR NOVELTY CO., Roselle, N.J.

FOUNTAIN PEN

"The kind that writes." Beautiful fancy black holder, durable, convenient and serviceable. Send only 15 cts. (in coin securely wrapped) and the pen will be sent by return mail postpaid. Address, FRANK N. VUILLE, 203 So. 13th St., Murphysboro, Ill.

LIQUID COURT PLASTER

Better than ordinary kind. Transparent, waterproof, antiseptic, healing. Stays on. Pocket size 10 cents. Sample free. Agents wanted. DERMOID MFG. CO., Box O, Salem, So. Dakota.

Fountain Pen For sending us only FREE dresses. Write for particulars. McNEILL & ROGERS, Box H-212, South End, Boston, Mass.

Lovers of Music should buy the Magic Flute, the most perfect and marvelous musical instrument ever invented, producing the sweetest tones or the shrill hunter's call. It's range is over three octaves. Made of strong metal, can be carried in the pocket. Mailed to anybody for 25c. Agents write for free catalogue. D. Botterill Supply Co., Greeley, Colo.

HYPNOTISM its wonders, secrets and mysteries. Big lesson 10 cents. Prof. M. C. Churchill, Philo, Ill.

PLATING OUTFITS We do Gold, Silver and Nickel Plating. TEACH YOU FREE. Outfits all complete; low price. Send for catalogue No. 3. CHACE PLATING CO., Taunton, Mass.

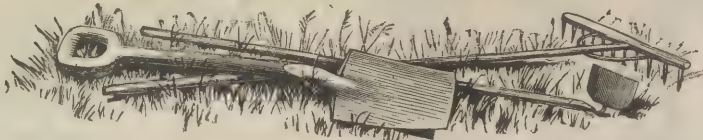
BEAUTIFUL RINGS FREE



This handsome Solid Gold Filled, Heavy Belcher Stone Set Ring, beautiful chased ring or im. Diamond Cluster Scarf Pins, Brooches, Ear Rings, and Studs, look like genuine diamonds; given free for selling only \$1.00 worth of our goods. Send no money - just your name and address. Write to-day to R. A. McGregor, Sec., 1628 Pontiac Bldg., Chicago.

CUT THIS OUT THEN MAIL IT TO US. It will bring you Free, 14 Funny Pictures, 25 Patriotic of Actress and pretty girls, One New Book, One Pack Mag & Trick Cards, also Game of Letters, Cupid Box, and other Games, Guide to Flirtation, One Coin Value Guide, One Used Stamp Value Guide, Letters that read two ways, 30 Jolly Jokes and witty sayings, Magic Age Table, 40 Valuable Money Making Secrets, 8 Funny Stories, Dictionary of Dreams and Five Popular Songs, also biggest new book and Novelty Catalogue of 1200 Bargains. FUN for the Millions. To introduce our goods and obtain new customers, all above large outfit will be sent free to any address, on receipt of 2c. stamp to help pay postage, packing, etc. IT'S A RARE CHANCE. Write to-day and be entered at this new Big Prize Collection. J. WEBB BUREAU CO., BOX 9, QUINCY, ILL.

In the Garden



COPYRIGHTED BY JOHN ELLIOT MORSE.

December Plans.

What shall we do next? It is now pretty cold weather for real active work, especially in our northern clime; but some of our folks in the sunny Southland can go on with but slight interruption. I rather think we may be excused now if we take a little vacation, so far as the real active work is concerned. And now that, for the time being most of us are weather-bound as to the actual garden operations we may anticipate to some extent and lay our plans for the future.

Early in the new year we desire to take up the work in regular order beginning at the stepping stone and detailing the various phases as they follow each in succession. This, however, we prefer not to do until all the numerous members of our 1903 family are assembled. It is timely now to make resolutions and the first step in that direction is for each of us to resolve that next year we will have a garden. Some member of our family no doubt played truant at garden making time last year; but next spring we shall be decidedly opposed to excusing any who possess a single square rod of ground. To encourage those who have but little space, I desire to talk of some of the possibilities of the

Small Garden.

Without in the least drawing upon fancy, but to speak only of actual transactions, the garden I have in mind was only a city lot 30x105 feet in size. The entire available space for vegetables and flowers was two plots in the back yard separated from each by a brick walk. One plot was 14x35 feet in size and the other 14x16 feet. On the larger plot there were three currant bushes just coming into bearing and one two-year old peach tree. On the smaller was a goodly sized clump of lilacs. At first thought, some of our readers may decide that this was too small a garden for any practical purpose whatever. Well let us see what was actually accomplished. In the first place there were three regular members of the garden force: a wife and sister, neither overly large as to stature, but both with regular home-spun appetites. The male gardener tipped beam at 200 pounds plus, and to dinner, table longings were never found "wanting." Occasional visitors sat also at our table and to our knowledge never left it unsatisfied. Excepting potatoes and sweet corn, no vegetables were purchased during the season, and I think we never went hungry for a longer time than to prepare a meal.

What We Grew.

Well there were radishes in plenty as long as we cared for them. Early onions to eat and give away, until the seed ripened which gave us half a pound. Lettuce grew in abundance as also parsley and sage. Two varieties of peas fully supplied us in their season, and there were some for the neighbors as well. There were twenty-five heads of cabbage, and beets as many as we cared for. Summer squashes, also tomatoes both for slicing and canning for the winter. Two varieties of pole Lima beans—the Black and Willow leaf, with Burpee's bush Lima gave full supply for green and some to store for winter use. Twelve quarts of strawberries swelled the list. Now when starting the garden I thought there was far too little ground even for vegetables; but the lady contingent of the force demanded some room for flowers, and regardless of my plans, the ground was pre-empted without as much as "by your leave." My wife is authority for that portion of the garden aggregation, and she quotes the list of flowers grown as follows: Balsam, salvia, candy tuft, mignonette, verbena, asters, sweet peas, morning glories, cinnamon vine, wild cucumbers, lilacs, violets, ferns, lilies, nasturtiums, pansies, phlox, petunias, pinks, hollyhocks, ageratum, daisies, larkspur, vicinus, and sweet William.

It is admitted that this looks like a rather bulky list of vegetables and flowers to grow in so small a space. Yet this was a garden in fact and not on paper, and it took some planning to people a neighborhood, so thickly without some risk of family quarrels, but they grew harmoniously side by side and flourished. The real fact is that much more might have been done with the aid of a hot bed and systematic rotation. The work was carried on in a hap-hazard sort of way without particular thought as to which might be done. It was a good showing, however, but the hot bed would have given earlier vegetables by a month at least, and careful rotation would have given a far more varied supply. It would be a mistake to suppose that we stepped out into the back yard and "found" this garden with the vegetables growing there by chance. On the contrary, small as it was, it took both brawn and brain to care for, and make it prosper. In looking over the garden one day, a lady friend remarked to

A CURE FOR THE TOBACCO HABIT Mrs. W. L. Spalding, 342 State St., Des Moines, Iowa, has discovered a harmless remedy for the tobacco habit which cured her husband in 15 days, after being a slave to the weed for over 30 years. It can be given secretly and is harmless. Mrs. Spalding will send the prescription free to any one sending stamped envelope to pay postage.

Christmas Bargains

Write today for our circulars and catalogues of high class, reasonable priced Christmas specialties. Art Pillow Tops, Card Cases, Alcohol Lamps, Printing Presses, Standard Reference Books, High Class Fiction, Sheet Music, Musical Instruments, and many other useful and desirable Christmas gifts.

FOR EVERYBODY!

Buy your Christmas gifts of us by mail. Our prices are the lowest and our offerings the most attractive. We are the most up-to-date mail order house in the country.

EDW. HAGEMAN & CO., 354 E. Division Street, Chicago, Ill.

STEM-WIND WATCH

It costs you nothing to own this beautiful Stem-wind Watch, Chain and Charm. Write at once, and we will mail you, postpaid, 19 packages of Blaine to sell for ten cents each. Send us the money you get for it, and we will forward you the Watch.



BLUINE MFG. CO., Box 66 - Concord Junction, Mass.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

A help in selection and a saving in money, is our Book of Many Bargains. Sent prepaid with a neat gift for mother for ten cents. POLLARD & COUTH-WAY Box C, 454, Bloomington, Illinois.

FREE Boys and Girls, we give you a watch or Ring, Free, and address, EMPIRE SPECIALTY CO., Box 3, West Troy, N. Y.

Wanted Men and Women, Boys and Girls to sell household article used in every family 25c. Sample & terms 10c Silver Union Mfg. Co., Carlyon, N. Y.

ANGELS Always with us, best song published words and music 15c. regular 25c. music. Satisfaction guaranteed. Globe Co. A., Marlboro, Mass.

IF YOU WILL WRITE TODAY I can give you special bargains in Va. Farms. Either Grain or Tobacco. Improved or unimproved. A. M. IOBY, Vernon Hill, Va.

WE PAY CASH for Newspaper Clippings Names and Addresses. Write, enclosing stamp, for particulars. The E. M. SMITH CO., 114 E. 23rd St., N. Y.

A year's supply of toilet paper \$2. For larger families (over 6 persons) double the quantity for \$3. Finest pure tissue in rolls or packages as you wish. Royal Supply Co., 758 Greenwood Av., Avondale Cincinnati, O.

The British Colonial Stamp Company

80 var. Canada, 15c; 15 var. Canada Revenues, 12c; 7 var. Canada 4 Maple Leaf, 15c; 50 var. British Colonials, 15c; 100 var. Foreign, 5c; 100 Ideal Hinges, 10c. Bargain List free. Write today 217-218 Masonic Temple, London, Can.

CALIFORNIA NOVELTIES.

Made of redwood, orange, yucca, manzanita, etc. Plain or decorated with missions, burros, California Poppies, peppertree leaves and berries, etc. Price from 10c. up. Send us 25c. for beautiful sample. List free. FERNAND MFG. CO., Box 777 A., Los Angeles, California.

DON'T SEND MONEY

Just your name and address and those of ten married ladies, and we will send you a beautiful Gold Plated Stick Pin for your trouble. Battenburg designs and Art pillow Covers also given free.

NEW CENTURY CO., - Southbridge, Mass.

LADIES Superfluous hair removed. Harmless preparation. positively guaranteed. Receipt and full directions sent securely sealed. 10 cts. W.M. GOLDSWORTHY, Dept. V, Sta. R. Chicago, Ill.

PING PONG. To be strictly in it you must play ping pong. Complete set \$1. ROYAL SUPPLY CO., 758 Greenwood Ave., Avondale Cincinnati, O.

LADIES We will give for a short time, to one lady in each town who agrees to devote one hour's time in our interest amongst their expanding Safety Syringe. Send address and we forward at once Syringe, etc., including full directions and special valuable advice. ST. GERMAIN CO. 133 Lees Bldg. Chicago.

Our Model Hold-Fast PLACKET FASTENER The most ingenious invention of the 20th century. No more ugly open plackets. Every lady wishing to be faultlessly dressed needs one. Just Out. Satisfaction Guaranteed. Sample only 35c. silver, and one of our beautiful Electric Thread Cutting Thimbles and catalogue of big bargains Free. Big harvest to Agts. ECONOMIC SUPPLY & MFG CO. Dept. A E. ST. LOUIS, ILL.

my wife that she really believed that all we had to do to flowers and vegetables to make them grow was to look at them. Well there was considerable "looking" for it was indeed a pleasure to watch the beauties of Nature unfold from day to day, and every day added new interest. But there was also much, very much labor bestowed, only it was lightened each day by generous rewards. Of course, had they been reckoned upon the cold blooded basis of dollars and cents, then profits might have been found in the minus quantity. But it was far more than this. It was getting close to Nature and farther away from care; farther out into light and hope, and leaving the darkness and fear behind us. Is not this even better than rewards of silver and gold?

Another Family.

But I had nearly forgotten one important feature of our garden aggregation, that summer. A large double shed at the rear end of the lot occupied more than one-half its width. A portion of this fitted up, afforded nice quarters for our family of pure bred Portridge Cochin fowls. The head of the family, a fine old fellow, same as a house dog, must certainly have been a firm believer in a "plurality of wives" for he had no less than six chosen ones to share his joys and sorrows. Through a door in the rear of their house, they had access to an ample runway, and by strict attention to business, performed well their part. The family egg supply was furnished by them in addition to two hatchings sold at \$2.00 each. A fine brood of chickens was also reared by one of the chosen six, some of which sold at \$2.00 a piece the following winter. Have you compared the over-ripe fruit gathered at the grocery stores with that freshly taken from the nest, which your own biddies deposited there? If so, you have surely seen the reward in this.

Some Other Things.

How many are going to try the winter celery and rhubarb? Without the plants of the former already on hand, it will be pretty hard to procure them so late in the season. They would be liable, even could they be secured, to be disappointing. I hope all have not failed, however, in having some to put in the cellar or other warm dark place, for to neglect it is to miss one of the rarest of winter table relishes. And the winter rhubarb, are you not going to make the effort? To fail on that would be entirely too bad. It is not too late for that just as long as the ground is not frozen too hard to admit of digging the roots. Try it in a box or barrel by the kitchen range if you have no cellar or shed warm enough. It is so easy of management and you will enjoy it so much.

Some Reflections.

I am half afraid that some of our readers will denounce me as a rhubarb

fiend or garden crank in general. But if I can only induce some of them to dig up that back yard next spring and turn it into a vegetable garden, then I shall feel sure that they will turn again and bless me. You who have hitherto depended upon your green(?) grower for your "sere and yellow" vegetable supply have only to grow it in, and gather it from your own garden to detect the difference. So many letters of thanks come to me for the helps I have been able to give in the garden work, and so many reports of success with the rhubarb experiments, that I am sure that the garden interest is growing. This makes me very anxious that all our readers shall join in and help and strengthen the growing interest. Excuse the sermonizing; but I surely know that intelligent and careful work in the flower and vegetable garden may be made the starting point to a higher and better life for many of our village and city girls and boys. A recent letter from a prominent business man stated, that never until this year, had he known the real value and luxury of a fruitful and well kept kitchen garden. And the girls and boys in that home have been taught something of the dignity of labor, and have also contributed much to the usefulness of the garden. Then too, I have seen so many anxious, weary wives and mothers whose household burdens could have been lightened by half, through free access to a generous supply of vegetables, fruits and flowers. These things urge me on to continually ding away at the garden theme. Within easy sight of where I write, I have seen many back yards growing up to weeds, or it may be, an excuse for a grass plot, this past summer. I have seen the girl and boy occupants of those homes spending their morning and evening hours and vacation time in worse than idleness. And it has made me wish for their sakes that those back yards had been spaded up and turned into a manual training ground in the art of hoeing and weed-pulling. The conviction is forcing itself upon me, that if every college campus in the land were plowed up and turned into horticultural grounds and that if every student of either sex were obliged to work there certain hours of every day, there would be much more time for studying and less time for rain-bow-chasing after the useless fads incident to the present college life.

John Elliott Morse.

Are You Hard of Hearing or Deaf?

Send stamp for full particulars how to restore your hearing by one who was deaf for 30 years. Dep. Y. John Garmore, Mt. Lookout, Cincinnati, Ohio.

LADIES: Superfluous Hair removed from the Face, Neck and Arms. Harmless preparation. Positively guaranteed. Package and full directions sent securely sealed for 25 cents. Circular free. DERR SUPPLY CO., 1287 Herkimer Street, Brooklyn, New York.

BE A DOCTOR and become wealthy. Mail course and certificate free. Life membership \$2. Address The Bailey Medical Institute, Guthrie, Okla.

BEFORE YOU go in the Mail Order business send stamp for Prospectus "Beginner's outfit" and a copy of our new Mail Order Money Winning System and make \$2.00, a year at your own home. Home Supply Co., Chillicothe, Ohio.

NERVE-FORCE

DORMANT CIRCULATION;

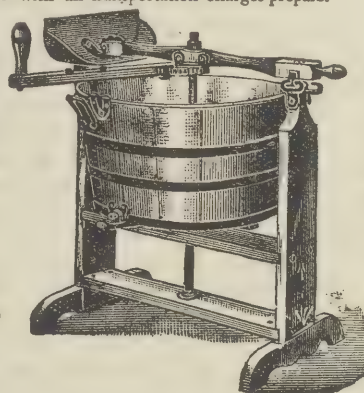


that rescue is assured only by re-establishment of the CIRCULATION of Blood to normal by directly charging the controlling battery-cells with an element imitating the nerve force prepared for that purpose by Nature from food and air. This imitative element is our faithful NERVE-FORCE, and it will positively re-establish the most sluggish CIRCULATION to par. If the vital organs are intact this consummation means full restoration even in greatly complicated cases. In fact, the disentanglement of fateful complications is only possible by unlocking Nature's life-current from the outside. By the records of twenty years' work; by the Gold and Diamond Medals for life-saving we have won, we prove that our NERVE-FORCE is the key. It is only by reading us that you can understand us, so we do not advertise our Remedy, but our NERVE-FORCE JOURNAL, which explains its very detail. We send this free (in plain envelope) to as many addresses as you may send us. We are also prepared to prove (by the only evidence that should appeal to thinking men and women—unimpeachable, autographic testimony of their peers) that chronic progressive, undermining "Diseases," unrelenting Pain, abnormal Growths, Shrunken Flesh, miserable Skin Blemishes, etc., are absolutely mastered by this logical (and only reasonable) manner of attack. We say "only reasonable" because it is fatally unreasonable to lash (or coddle) the vital organs by pouring drugs into the stomach—or to "cut" the anguished flesh in "operations." Are you not sick and tired of stomach-drugging and threats of "the knife"? "the knife"? Then, either for yourself or others, kindly send for our details today. They are absolutely free. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Corwin, 721 Mt. Morris Bank Building (81 E. 125th Street), New York City.

DON'T SEND US A CENT

We Prepay All Transportation Charges, and deliver this ideal "Standard Washer" direct to your own door without asking you for a penny in advance. Just drop us a line, stating that you need or can use a washer in your family, and we will immediately ship one with all transportation charges prepaid.

30 DAYS FREE TRIAL



Our Washing Machine is Different from any other you ever saw. It can clean the clothes of a small wash as well as a large one. It takes dirt as thoroughly out of the wristbands, neckbands, collars, etc., as it does out of sheets, pillow cases and table cloths. It will wash one pair of socks as cleanly as it will a tubful of sheets. With the double rotary motion you do the same amount of cleaning with ONE HALF the amount of labor and within a quarter of the time that any other washer requires. We don't ask you to accept our word for this,

we simply want an opportunity to prove to you, without asking for a cent of your money, that our Standard Washer will do all that we claim for it. It don't cost you a cent to make the test, we deliver it free of charge right to your door. You keep it and try it for thirty days. If you do not find it does all and even more than we claim for it, if you don't find it to be the easiest working machine you ever saw or heard of, if you don't say after thirty days' trial that it is a heaven-sent blessing to every woman who has to wash clothes, then we will be glad to make you a present of the machine, free of any charge whatever.

If you want us to send a washer FREE ON TRIAL for use in your own family, or if you want to act as our agent in your neighborhood, send us your name and address and you will hear from us by next mail. **Wiard Mfg. Co., Dept. V, East Avon, N. Y.**



SEND US ONE DOLLAR TODAY FOR A HANDY LAUNDRY BAG.

These bags make attractive and useful Christmas gifts, and are highly appreciated. We have them in red, blue, white or brown canvas, the popular size being 27 inches high, with an oblong bottom, 8x12 inches in size. These bags form a handy receptacle for soiled linen and for sending to the laundry. Every household should have one. Send on your dollar today. Remember they make excellent gifts for husband, wife, brother, sister, or friend. Address **MONROE & COOL, Fremont City, O.**



DO YOU WRITE FOR MAGAZINES?

DO YOU READ THE MAGAZINES?

Correspondents wanted to send MSS. and subscriptions for leading periodical. Send for information to **BERT E. BETTS AGENCY, Chicago, Illinois.**

Gold Fish,

Aquariums, water moss, ornaments, etc. Beautify your homes, no trouble to keep. Send for free catalogue. **PIONEER AQUARIUM MFG. COMPANY, Racine, Wis.**

WE'VE A SCHEME

Whereby you can turn an honest penny on the side. **No capital or experience required.** All we want you to do is to write for us, and we'll tell you what we want you to write. No agency or peddling. For particulars address **MORTON ENTERPRISE CO., Chester, Pa.**

FREE TRIAL.

DEATH TO HAIR—ROOT AND BRANCH.

New Discovery by the MISSES BELL.

A Trial Treatment FREE to anyone afflicted with Hair on Face, Neck or Arms.



We have at last made the discovery which has baffled chemists and all others for centuries—that of absolutely destroying superfluous hair, root and branch, entirely and permanently, whether it be a moustache or growth on the neck, cheeks or arms, and that, too, without impairing in any way the finest or most sensitive skin.


The Misses Bell have thoroughly tested its efficacy and are desirous that the full merits of their treatment, to which they have given the descriptive name of "KILL ALL HAIR," shall be known to all afflicted. To this end a trial will be sent free of charge to any lady who will write for it, and say she saw the offer in this paper. Without a cent of cost you can see for yourself what the discovery is; the evidence of your own sense will then convince you that the treatment, "KILL ALL HAIR," will rid you of one of the greatest drawbacks to perfect loveliness, the growth of superfluous hair on the face or neck of women.

Please understand that a personal demonstration of our treatment costs you nothing. A trial will be sent you free, which you can use yourself and prove our claims by sending two stamps for mailing. **The Misses Bell, Dept. E., 78 & 80, Fifth Ave., N. Y.**

THE HUMPHREY GREEN BONE and VEGETABLE CUTTER
will save half your feed bills and double egg yield. Guarantee to cut more bone, in less time, with less labor, than any other. Send for Special Trial Offer and handsome catalogue.
HUMPHREY & SONS,
Box 114, Joliet, Illinois



The Automatic Poultry Feeder and Exerciser. Keeps the fowls in condition for greater egg production and saves time and labor. Also greater fertility for hatching. Used and recommended by noted poultrymen. Send for descriptive circular and read what they say about it. Mention Vick's.
Automatic Poultry Feeder Co.
J. G. Whitten, Manager,
Genoa - Cayuga Co., N. Y.



Send stamp for half-tone circular of the **Sterling White Wyandottes.** Eggs \$2. per fifteen.
ARTHUR F. HARTMAN, - Nappanee, Indiana.

Thoroughbred Toulouse Geese and White Holland Turkeys for sale cheap, also Cockerels of White Buff and Barred P. Rocks and White Wyandottes also 100 Barred R. Hens \$1.00 each. Cir. free. Emanuel Schieber, Brandywine, Ohio.

\$20 A WEEK SALARY and all expenses paid to introduce our Poultry Compound: man or woman; rig necessary. Address with stamp, **ROYAL CO-OP. MFG. CO., Dept. 100, Indianapolis, Indiana.**

BARRED PLYMOUTH ROCKS.
EGGS, \$1 per 15; \$5 per 100. Circular for postal.
Williams & Metlar, Box 13, New-Brunswick, N. J.

FREE PACKAGE FINE EMBROIDERY SILK FREE
With every order for \$1.00 worth of the following goods, we will include, for thirty days, a free package of fine embroidery silk: Stamped centerpieces, doilies, pillow tops, battenburg designs, waste embroidery silk, beautiful silk remnants for any kind of fancy work, cloth toys, rag dolls, art pillow tops, and a large variety of desirable up-to-date holiday goods. Write today for our circulars and catalogue. Agents wanted in every town and village.
HOUSEHOLD SUPPLY CO.,
23 Forrest Hills St., J. P. Boston, Mass.

ANIDROSIS SKOWHEGAN, MAINE, mails true guide to wealth by curative practice and outfit sales, and health by dissolving and disinfecting corrupt cause of every symptom.
DR. S. F. CONANT, SKOWHEGAN, ME.

\$24 Weekly paid to collect and solicit near home.
Bullock's Legal Bureau, Indianapolis, Ind.

FLUIDINA
Send 25c. for full directions for cleaning the most delicate colored wool goods and carpets without injury. Tested for years. Address, **Mrs. T. L. Lyman, 131 W. Gilman St., Madison, Wis.**

NEURALGIA quickly cured with Vital-Vine neuralgia plasters. To introduce this ideal appliance for the relief of intense pain, will send one plaster with Doctors booklet for 15c. if this magazine is mentioned.
HANFORD VITAL-VINE CO., Rochester, N. Y.


"BESTYET" Skirt Supporters are truly the best. Prices 25c. We want good agents. We will mail a sample and terms for two dimes. Circulars FREE.
BALLANTYNE & CO., Dept. 2, Rockville, Conn.

Are You A Writer?
Fortunes have been made in writing songs. I make a specialty of publishing music for amateurs. Have you Latent Talent? If so, write me. Send Stamp for reply.
RICHARD A. SAALFIELD,
1123 Broadway New York City.

LADIES DR. STRICKLAND'S remedy relieves in 5 hours; safe and sure; Box FREE. FREE. Send Stamp for particulars.
Crown Chemical Co., Box 93, Milwaukee, Wis.

WRITE DON'T YOU? Well, why not write contentedly and not tire your arm and nerves chasing back and forth to an ink bottle. Attach one of our new Fountains to your pen, take one dip of ink and you are all prepared to do your writing. No leakage, no blots and the cost—a mere trifle. 3 for 15 cents.
WINONA MANUFACTURING CO.,
41 W. 12th St., New York, N. Y.

A Reliable Watch & Chain Free
We wish to impress the fact that these are not clock watches, but are stem wind and stem set, nickel movements, jeweled balances, porcelain dial and highly finished throughout. We give this Watch & Chain FREE to every person selling 10 boxes of Star Headache or Cold Cure Tablets at 25c. a box. Send your address & we will send Tablets by mail. When sold send us the money \$2.50 & we guarantee to send Watch & Chain prepaid.
Star Remedy Co. Dept. 12, New Haven, Conn.



Poultry Department
Conducted by Charles F. Thompson.

A Question Answered.

Mr. Editor—Dear Sir:
Noticing in your September number that all questions of a legitimate nature, pertaining to poultry, would be answered, I would like to inquire particularly about the Buff Orpington fowl. Having just started in with a few of them, being attracted by their appearance at an exhibition where I could see no other breed that seemed to please me so well, I desire to know how they stand as regards profit in the opinion of one who knows about the different breeds.

Buff Orpington Question.

The Buff Orpington introduced into this country by Mr. Loring of Dedham, Mass., is probably, in fact unquestionably, one of the most valuable additions to poultry culture brought from abroad for many years.

Personally we have had but limited experience with the breed, but at the start having obtained some imported birds, unadulterated by Buff Plymouth Rock blood as much of the American bred stock has been, we have found them a first class all around fowl, being good layers of a large rich, brown shelled egg, most faithful and steady sitters, and good mothers, without the rather objectionable leg and toe feathering of the Asiatic class; yet just as tractable and easily handled as the best of them. They resemble much the Langshan in all except leg feathering and color. Their flesh is extremely tender and juicy and the chicks, as they grow, feather remarkably well. There are many good points about them which space will not allow us to enumerate, but we predict for this comparatively new European breed a glorious future in this country.

The very best quality can satisfy the epicure better than any thing we can produce with a yellow skin from the American class. We are not pitting against the American class now the Mediterranean breeds, Leghorn, the Spanish, nor Minorcas, which excel as white shelled egg producers, but for fine tender meat we really have no American pure breed that can equal the Houdan from France or the English Dorking, the Langshan or the Orpington, all of which have a white skin and correspondingly white fat instead of yellow. The latter two breeds we consider as profitable as any to be found in the large sized breeds as all around poultry.
Charles F. Thompson.

Poultry Notes.

(Written for Vick's Family Magazine.)

No doubt more poultry diseases are traceable to filth than any other cause. A part of the hen house should be cleaned once a week.

In selecting a breed I would not depend too much on the reputation claimed for them as winter layers. But, on this you may depend every

time, that winter eggs, result from giving the fowls spring and summer conditions, warmth, good air; plenty of food of the right kind and given in the proper way, will insure eggs from most any breed. Its the feed and care more than the breed.

One advantage of having only one variety of chickens on the farm is, that they attract the eye of those who pass by, and make a pleasant complement of the general thriftiness of the place, while where only mongrel stock and scrubs are kept but few notice them, because they are too common, and I find there are comparatively few persons who take the interest in caring for a flock of fowls of this kind that they would if they were an attractive lot of pure breeds, hence the mixed up lot rarely pays.

We hear a good deal about the utility fowls, as compared with the standard bred fowl. It is claimed by a class of breeders that the utility value of fowls is seriously impaired by efforts to adapt them to the demands of the standard of perfection. It is said that in striving to attain perfection in one or more points, such as color of plumage, legs, beak, shape of comb, style of carriage, etc., matters of greater concern have been set aside. In other words, practical qualities have been sacrificed for appearance. There is one thing I have noticed, and that is, in the egg and dressed poultry departments of our largest shows, the majority of the prizes have been won by what are classed as standard bred fowls. No doubt some strains of fowls have been bred down so fine, in order to get some particular point, that in constitution and laying qualities or both they are weak, but I will take my chances with the standard bred fowls for all of that, and I believe that in nine cases out of ten they will win.

In every city and village in the country many mechanics and laborers are living from hand to mouth, especially in the manufacturing districts of the East, and a great many of these people, could by a little exertion, benefit themselves greatly by making poultry raising on a small scale an auxiliary to their daily pursuits. The poor man seems to forget that economy leads to wealth, and that much of his poverty is due to the neglect of providing the ways and means of maintaining himself and family from being dependent on his daily wages. As time goes on the rich are becoming richer and poor, poorer. Take for instance the miner,

To Cure a Cold in One Day.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

FREE. Beautiful Christmas Presents. Write quick, **Fred Adler & Co., 2846 N. Third, Philadelphia.**


EMBROIDERY SILK for fancy work. 15 skeins assorted colors, best silks, p. stapled, 12c. Biggest bargain ever offered. **Geo. A. Toolan Co.,** Hollister Bldg., Lansing, Mich.

Men Wanted—Good Pay.
Wanted everywhere Men to distribute advertising matter, tack signs, etc. No Canvassing, previous experience unnecessary. Address, **NATIONAL ADVERTISING CO.,** No. 4 Oakland Bank Building, CHICAGO.

HEAD-ACHE EAR-ACHE TOOTH-ACHE CRAMPS and ALL PAINS Quickly relieved by Dr. Allen's Anti-Achers. They will break up a cold and prevent pneumonia. Price 25c. a bottle. Trial size 10c. **Dr. H. N. Bugbee, Fitchburg, Mass.**

It's a Pleasure to Iron when you have **Oiver's Starch Enamel.** A Six Months Supply sent postpaid for fifteen cents.
OLIVER D. PRICKITT Crosswicks, N. J.


SURPRISE CLOWN
Press the Ball—Clown Does Best
Illustration represents latest surprise novelty. It is a wonder! You fill ball with water, show your friends the pin. They look at it, you press the ball. Can be worn on coat or vest. Price, 15 cents, 2 for 25 cents, postpaid.
MOORE BROS. SUPPLY HOUSE
Dept. 102, 1360 North Washburn Ave., CHICAGO, ILL.




432 INCHES FOR 25c
French Valenciennes Lace, all in one piece, with our bargain lists of lace and other goods. This lace is used for a hundred different purposes, and every lady knows this is a mammoth bargain. Sent to you postpaid on receipt of **Twenty-five Cts.**
Eldridge Spec. Co., 188 Ridgewood Av. Brooklyn, N. Y.



MCGINTY CIGAR.
McGinty is back again, this time inside a cigar. To all appearances he is as usual out of sight, but just blow the cigar and up he swells like a regular Balloon, with laughing eyes and tongue out. After uttering a merry song he slowly withdraws inside the cigar again and is ready for business again. A bang-up Novelty, full of fun and surprise. A great fun and money-maker. Sample 10 cents; 3 for 25 cents; 12 for 75 cents. Cat. free. Address, **VICTOR NOVELTY CO., ROSELLE, N. J.**



HANDIEST thing out. Duplex fork, for handling hot vegetables, dishes, meats, etc. Lightens labor, prevents muss and burnt fingers. Sample 25c. Circulars this and other A1 articles free. Agents wanted. **J. F. Nieman, 10 1st St., Woodville, O.**



FREE large illustrated catalogue of watches clocks and jewelry. Cheapest and best house in America. **THE BANKS SPECIALTY CO., Cortland, N. Y.**

Fashion's LATEST CRAZE
SET OF SIX 15c Sterling Aluminum Hair Pins, look and wear like sterling silver, but are better, because they **DO NOT TARNISH** from contact with the hair. Send us 15 cents today for set of six. In various designs, fretted, burnished or chased finish. Size, 3/4 x 9 3/4 inches.
FREE Send at once for circulars of our other goods. **THOMAS MFG. & SELLING CO., Pendleton, Indiana.**



CHEEKS LIKE ROSES
Complexions Like Pearls Without the Use of Powders or Cosmetics
THIS is an age of wonderful inventions and discoveries, and among these wonderful discoveries can be classed **Mme. A. Ruppert's World Renowned "Face Bleach."** This great remedy purifies, beautifies, preserves and restores the complexion. It removes pimples, freckles, blackheads, wrinkles, sallowness, muddiness, brown spots, oiliness, skin diseases, etc., leaving the skin clear, smooth and spotless like alabaster. It brings back the natural glow to the cheeks and imparts the freshness and beauty of youth to the complexion. It is prescribed by the highest medical authorities and is used by the most noted beauties of the world. Most marvelous results are obtained when it is used in conjunction with my superb "Egyptian Balm," and in order that any person may be able to use this grand treatment at a moderate cost, I will send to any address, all charges prepaid, a large trial bottle of the "Face Bleach," and a large trial jar of the "Egyptian Balm," together with my book, "How To Be Beautiful,"—all for 75 cents, silver or stamps. This grand offer will be good for 90 days.
MADAME A. RUPPERT, COMPLEXION SPECIALIST
6 E. 14th Street, New York City.



200 Egg Incubator

For \$12.80

The simplest, most perfect incubator made in the world. This is a new one at a remarkably low price. It is an enlargement of the famous

WOODEN HEN

and made as thoroughly good as any incubator on the market. It will hatch every fertile egg, and stand up to regular usage as well as the most costly.



Write for free catalogue with 14 colored views.
GEO. H. STAHL,
Quincy, Ill.

Poultry Department

(Continued.)

who probably suffers more than those employed in any other labor, because he is compelled to work hard for low wages and hand his earnings back to his employers for rent and provisions.

With the aid of a flock of forty or fifty good fowls, they would be able to save much more of their earnings than they now do and at the same time live better. There are but few who live outside the crowded precincts of cities but what can raise and keep at least a few fowls. The cost of their keeping is not great, and their product from one season to another will be found a great saving in the home expenses, besides the satisfaction of having your own eggs and chickens when you want them.—

V. M. Couch.

Success in Making the Hens Lay in Cold Weather.

Many times have I been asked the question, "How do you care for and what do you feed your hens to make them lay in the winter?" Last fall and winter I had excellent success in getting eggs, although there was nothing unusual in the weather, and my flocks were afforded only ordinary accommodation, all in single boarded houses. The lot consisted of about thirty-five head, twenty-five Barred Rocks and balance White Leghorns. I gave them no extra care, just looked after them regularly, and I gathered close around twenty eggs daily right along from about November first. Of course, this is not an extra showing but very good for the winter. About two-thirds of the flock were pullets, a dozen of them hatched fore part of April, balance last of April and in May.

It is said that the production of eggs in cold weather is a problem. Well, in some instances this may be true, but with the right kind of stock, regular care and proper food it is not very hard to solve. Different breeders have different methods, and it seems that where one succeeds with a certain method or system another fails. The natures of the various breeds must be studied, and in this comparatively few poultry raisers make any difference in feed or care.

To give a general plan of feed and care to suit all conditions would be rather difficult. I believe in feeding a mash either morning or night, for the heavy breeds, like the Rocks and Brahmas. I give the mash at night, except in rather cold weather, when I feed it in the morning or at noon. Whether to feed this mash every day or every other day can be decided by experiment. I have had very good success with a mash composed as follows: one-half corn meal and ground oats, one quarter bran and one quarter boiled vegetables or soaked beef

(Continued on next page.)

Poultry Keepers!

A Great Special Offer

Read Every Word of this Remarkable Proposition

FOR the past two years we have been enlarging and improving VICK'S FAMILY MAGAZINE. We have spent thousands of dollars on it and it is fast becoming one of the most popular publications in the country.

Our Poultry Department, under the able direction of Mr. CHARLES F. THOMPSON is becoming more and more popular. Our great aim is to help those who keep but a few hens, to make the most of them. It is easy to make a failure of poultry without proper instruction. It will be easy to make a success of it if you will read our Poultry Department each month. In February, 1903 we shall publish a

Special Poultry Number

And during the next three months we shall send out to Poultrymen 50,000 sample copies. We are now publishing 50,000 copies each issue. We will accept small advertisements of three lines each at \$1.00 per issue for these special issues, larger ads. pro rata.

Every Poultryman Should Accept Our Offer. It is one of the best chances to advertise any surplus stock, eggs, or other matters you will have this year.

Vick's Clubbing Offers

Club No. 1.		Club No. 2.	
Poultry Keeper.....	\$.50	Poultry Success.....	\$.50
Poultry Success.....	.50	American P'ltry Advocate	.25
American P'ltry Advocate	.25	Green's Fruit Grower....	.50
Vick's Family Magazine..	.50	Vick's Family Magazine..	.50
Farm, Field & Fireside..	.25	Farm, Field & Fireside..	.25
(3 months)		(3 months)	
Total Value.....	\$2.00	Total Value.....	\$2.00
Club No. 3.		Club No. 4.	
Woman's Home Companion	\$1.00	Good Housekeeping.....	\$1.00
Vick's Family Magazine..	.50	Poultry Success.....	.50
American P'ltry Advocate	.25	Vick's Family Magazine..	.50
Farm, Field & Fireside..	.25		
(3 months)		Total Value.....	\$2.00
Total Value.....	\$2.00		
Club No. 5.		Club No. 6.	
Farm and Fireside.....	\$.50	American P'ltry Advocate	\$.25
Farm News.....	.50	Poultry Keeper.....	.50
American P'ltry Advocate	.25	Green's Fruit Grower....	.50
Vick's Family Magazine..	.50	Vick's Family Magazine..	.50
Farm, Field & Fireside..	.25	Farm, Field & Fireside..	.25
(3 months)		(3 months)	
Total Value.....	\$2.00	Total Value.....	\$2.00

Vick's Special Offer

We will furnish any one of the above clubs together with a three line advertisement in the SPECIAL POULTRY NUMBER OF VICK'S FAMILY MAGAZINE, all for only \$1.75, or any of the above clubs and a three line ad. in three issues of VICK'S for \$2.75.

In case you desire to run a larger advertisement write us for price, stating which club you desire. Should you not desire to advertise with us we will accept your order for any one of the clubs for \$1.05. Address,

Vick Publishing Company,
Rochester, N. Y.

Squabs Pay BEAT HENS
Easier, need attention only part of time, bring big prices. Raised in 1 month. Attractive for poultrymen, farmers, women. Send for **FREE BOOKLET** and learn this immensely rich home industry. **Plymouth Rock Squab Co., 3 A, Friend St., Boston, Mass.**

INCUBATORS
From \$6 up. Best reasonable priced hatchers on the market. Brooders, \$4 up. None better at any price. Fully warranted. Catalog free. **L. A. BANTA, LIGONIER, IND.**

1400 Breeding Stock for sale of all varieties Poultry, Pigeons and the true Belgian Hares. Always ready for Incubator Orders. Good Eggs at \$4.50 per 100. \$40.00 per 1000. Have our guide in reach. All combined with natural colors. Description 60 page book only 10c mailed. **J. A. Bergey, Telford, Pa.**

\$75 A MONTH SALARY and expenses for man with rig to sell our egg producer. Sells and re-sells to every poultry raiser in the country. **FARMERS BIDDY FOOD CO., Dept. 1, Milwaukee, Wis.**

POULTRY PAPER, illustrated, 20 pages, 25 cents per year. 4 months' trial 10 cents. Sample free. 64-page practical poultry book free to yearly subscribers. Book alone 10 cents. Catalogue of poultry books free. **Poultry Advocate, Syracuse, N.Y.**

Charity

Charity begins at home. The first thing to do is to buy lots of new Furniture, Housefurnishings, Christmas Gifts, etc., to make Home Happy. If you buy the goods from us you can give liberally to the poor from the savings that you make. Send for our complete illustrated 300-page WHOLE-SALE catalog at once. We pay postage.

\$7.50 MORRIS CHAIR Only \$4.25

No. 70 Spring St. Grand Rapids, Mich.
H. Leonard & Sons.

PRICE \$2.25

PROFITABLE AND INTERESTING Complete PYROGRAPHY OUTFIT

consisting of seven articles, rendering it easy for anyone to make money at Popular Art of Burnt Wood Etching.

Easy to learn by our full instructions. Everything complete only \$2.25. Weight 20 oz. Catalogue free. **JOHN F. RAHN CO., 148 High St., Chicago, Ill.**

PERFUME DISCS sell quickly Perfume baths; make toilet-water or sachet. Samples for stamp. We'll send you 6 boxes to sell at 25c. When you return \$1.50 we forward premium you select. Cash commission if preferred. **Perry Ballard & Co., Bridgeport, Conn.**

"GOOD BYE, DOLLY GRAY"
Coon, Coon, Coon,
IN THE GOOD OLD SUMMERTIME,
I'll Be Your Hair-Beau, Good Morning Carrie, Go Way Back and Sit Down, Good-Bye Eyes, Fortune Telling Man, It's Just Because I Love You So, Night Was Made for Coons, also She's Only Sweet Sixteen & I Don't Care If I Never Wake Up, with WORDS AND MUSIC complete and 30 other NEW original SONG HITS, including the great parody success: "ON A SUNDAY AFTERNOON," 40 new colored Actress pictures and a Prize Coupon which entitles you to a very handsome GOLD PLATED WATCH CHAIN AND CHARM—All for 10c; 3 lots 20c. HOME MUSIC CO., Station E, CHICAGO.

OUR SALESMEN MAKE \$10.00 DAILY
AGENTS WANTED. CATALOGUE FREE. Copy on Portraits 25c. Family Records 1c. Pictures and Frames wholesale, prices the lowest. **Frank W. Williams & Co., Chicago, Ill. Dept. A.**

FITS Permanently Cured. No fits or nervousness after first day's use of Dr. Kline's Great Nerve Restorer. Send for Free \$2.00 trial bottles and treatise. **Dr. E. H. Kline, Ltd., 931 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa.**

The Great Winter Egg Producer D and D

CLOVER MEAL

100 lb. Bag	\$1.50
500 lb. Lots	1.25 per 100 lbs.
Ton Lots	23.00 per ton

Sample and Circular FREE
Manufactured only by the

D. and D. MILLING COMPANY,
Box X, Fayetteville, New York.

Get Eggs in Winter.

Whether you keep 12 or 1,000 hens you want them to LAY WHEN EGGS ARE HIGH. Our book "Special No. 2" (price 25c) tells

How to Feed. What to Feed.

The profits in Poultry are in Eggs. Profits in Eggs are during the cold months—not in summer when eggs sell at 7c or 10c per dozen.

Feed Right and Your Hens Will Lay.

Special Offer—For 50c (stamps accepted) we will send copy of book "Special No. 2" and full year's subscription to a 50-cent illustrated Poultry Journal—

The Poultry Keeper,

Most helpful of all Poultry Papers—Best Writers—New Cuts—Tells how to Succeed with Poultry.

POULTRY KEEPER PUB. CO.,
Box 212, Quincy, Ill.

A MOONSTONE FOR CHRISTMAS.

You could not make a more dainty gift to a friend or one that would give more lasting pleasure than one of the beautiful Moon Stones found on the beach of the Pacific Ocean in lower California. They are found in many sizes, are polished perfectly by our experts. You can have your own jeweler set them for you in whatever style you desire. We sell them of proper size for rings or stick pins for \$1.00 to \$1.50 postpaid and large enough for a watch fob for \$2.50. State size wanted when ordering and remit by P. O. or express money order.

THE PRECIOUS STONE CO.,
221 North Raymond Ave., Pasadena, Cal.

RUPTURED

Send correct measure address, express office and all names of ruptured you know and will send you our new invented self supported truss FREE and cure your rupture in 3 months. PERLMAN DRUG CO., 205 Lee's Bldg., CHICAGO, ILL.

scraps, or cut clover hay steamed." This to be mixed with boiling water at night, covered up and left to steam and fed warm in the morning, or if to be fed at night, prepare in the morning. Feed green food every day, and meat in some form should be fed at least twice a week. Feed sparingly of all the above food, never any more than they will clean up, and not so much but what they will still be hungry enough so as to keep right along looking for more feed in the litter. And right here let me say that I believe exercise is one of the most important parts in getting hens to lay in cold weather. If they can be fed and cared for so as to keep them lively they will produce eggs, otherwise they won't; at least this has been my experience. Have plenty of litter in the pen and after it has been dug and hauled over by the hens so as to pack it down, it should be removed and clean fresh material put in its place. By the way I have experimented some in exercising laying fowls. In one pen which contained fifteen hens I used a Poultry Feeder and Exerciser—a machine constructed to feed the grain out slow, nature's way and at the same time making the hens work, for all they get. In the other flock of twenty the grain was given them in the ordinary way, and from the pen where the "Feeder" was used I have got more eggs right along than from the other lot. And in the flock where the Feeder and Exerciser was used, the fowls seemed to be in better condition, that is they were more lively, combs and eyes were brighter, and they did not get nearly as fat. This makes it plain to me that hens to lay in winter, or any other time for that matter, must have exercise. And I think that any one who will take the pains to divide up his flock and feed them their grain in this way for a couple of months, will be thoroughly convinced of the importance of giving the grain feed to the hens so they will fill up gradually and not gorge themselves, and at the same time keep to work. In fact, to me, it solves "the problem of feeding so as to get eggs in winter."

I have been feeding largely of cracked corn and wheat, but a greater variety of grain is better, and if given on the above plan there is little danger of over feeding, a matter which we have to be careful about, especially with the heavy breeds.

V. M. Couch.

Fowls, and Feeding of Fowls for Laying Purposes.

Notwithstanding the enormous number of eggs that are imported into the country, it is satisfactory to find that the supply produced here is largely on the increase. Thousands more people keep fowls than was the case even ten years ago. Home grown, fresh eggs and not foreign eggs only, can be obtained from most grocers and other vendors of eggs in both town and country, and there is

ready sale for them. The majority of poultry keepers have to be content with a small run for their birds but this is no obstacle to success, provided the fowls are fed and managed properly, they will do as well in a limited place as on a farm or other free range. There are still many homes where poultry is considered impossible, in which new laid eggs laid on the premises could be on the table every morning throughout the year.

The number of good laying breeds of fowls has been considerably added to. The old list of half a century ago contained only about ten or a dozen varieties. But since the Minorca, Wyandotte, Leghorn, Orpington, Plymouth Rock, Ancona, and Faverolle have come prominently to the front, many of them being superior as layers to any of the old breeds. In the making of some of these, the old varieties have undoubtedly been largely used, notably the Dorking, Hamburg, Cochin, and Brahma, which by clever mixing and blending have produced most valuable results.

To answer the question so often put as to which is the best breed to keep for laying purposes, it is necessary to know the conditions under which the fowls will be kept. The bulk of those who have fowls are limited as to space and instead of a pure breed, the birds most usually kept are the mongrels. Most mongrels become broody, this alone renders them unsatisfactory, for in a run of fifteen feet by five wide, which is as much as is often available, there is no room for chickens. Broody hens are therefore not required, and a lot of time is lost when they want to set. If mongrels must be kept they ought to be young birds, never more than two and a half years old. Young hens are more readily and quickly broken of their desire to sit than old fowls; but if a sitting breed is desired it is better to have a pure one, for then the characteristics of the birds are known. Wyandottes for example lay tinted eggs, are hardy, stand confinement well and are good winter layers; whereas the mongrels' capabilities can only be learned by experience.

Black Minorca can be strongly recommended, both to the small poultry keeper and to the man who has plenty of room, and who looks to eggs for his profit. It will do well in confinement if required, is a non-sitter

A CHANCE TO MAKE MONEY.

Many women say it is hard to get along in the world because they do not have the opportunities to make money that men have. I disagree with them, for I am perfectly independent since starting the Cold Cream and Skin Food business. I never make less than \$27.00 a week and often clear \$55.00. I am selling Cream of Roses and I make it at home. There is a phenomenal demand for it the whole season. For a skin food it has no equal, as it nourishes the skin and prevents the formation of premature lines and wrinkles, etc. It is used for sunburn, chapped hands and face or rough skin. It is an infallible remedy for all bruises, eczema, blackheads, pimples and red skin. Any intelligent person can do as well as I have selling the Cream of Roses. For 35c in stamps I will send any of your readers the formula for making Cream of Roses and a full-size 2-oz. jar of Cream of Roses prepaid. I will also assist anyone to get started in the business. MARTHA FRANCOIS, 11 So. Vandeventer Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

The Automatic
SURE HATCH,
with a new regulator that really regulates—the greatest improvement in 10 years. Get one on 30 days free trial and decide for yourself. Large catalog and poultry book free.
SURE HATCH INC. CO.,
Clay Center, Neb.,
or Columbus, Ohio.



30 Days Free Trial.

POULTRYMEN!

Send for our immense, free, illustrated catalogue, telling all about poultry raising and our world famed Puritan Chick Food. Valuable pointers found nowhere else and clearly and concisely stated. THE PURITAN POULTRY FARMS, Stamford, Conn.

BIG EGGS

(Free Picture) White Frame imported Sicily Buttercups.
CHAS. LORING,
Dedham, Mass.

Squabs for Profit.

A book telling how to make an easy living raising market Squabs. Full particulars. How to conduct the business on paying basis. 50c per copy.

J. A. SUMMERS,
Chalfout, Pa.

Success with Poultry

Contains more and better practical, reliable information on general subject of Poultry for Profit than any other book.

Covers Every Branch of Money Making Poultry

contains 118 pages and cover (9x12") embossed book paper, new cuts, half tones and etchings. Contents (briefly stated) are:

How to Get Started—Leading Standard Breeds—Characteristics of Breeds—Practical Poultry Houses (Plans)—Care and Feeding Fowls—Feeding four Eggs—Hen Catechism—Feeding Young Chickens—Care Growing Stock—Artificial Incubation—Incubator Cellars—Broilers and Broiler Raising—Care Brooder Chicks—Pekin Ducks for Profit—5,000 Ducks on Two Acres—Starting with Standard-Bred Poultry—Profitable Egg Farming—Turkeys Care and Management—Capon and Caponizing—Poultry and Fruit—Diseases of Poultry.

Special Offer Publisher's price of "Success With Poultry" is \$1. We will send the book postpaid and include a full year's subscription to a 50c. Poultry Journal.

The Poultry Keeper—Most Helpful of all Poultry Papers, monthly. New Cuts, Best Writers.

Tells How to Succeed With Poultry A dollar bill will reach us safely if folded in heavy paper.

POULTRY KEEPER PUB. CO.,
Box 212, Quincy, Ill.

FERNS 6 for 25 cents in coin. Chas. Miles, Florist, 156 Somerset St., Plainfield, N. J.

The Thread Cutting Thimble saves time, teeth, temper. Sample, 10c. WOOD CO., 856 E. Westmoreland St., Philadelphia, Pa.

DYSPEPSIA Send for our Free Treatment. Try in the morning for sour stomach, bad breath, The German Remedy for indigestion. Kane's Remedy Co., 38 Koseush Pl. Brooklyn, N. Y.

ply was absolutely unlimited their big leaves would give up so much to the air that, without some means of checking this over liberality, they would wilt and die.

Cut a fresh cabbage leaf and examine it. It has a sort of dusty, mealy look. Put the leaf under a microscope and you will see that this bloom is composed of tiny needles of wax. The cabbage has produced the wax to protect itself from the water-stealing rays of the sun.

Australia is the driest of all the continents; yet it has plenty of trees. They never grow any more leaves than they absolutely need, and they take the additional precaution of turning these leaves edgewise so that those water thieves, the sun's rays, cannot fall direct upon their broad surfaces. Australian acacias go a step further still. When they are fully grown they shed their leaves altogether; they keep the leaf stalk and produce two tiny wings, which present their edges to the sun.

In spite of these various precautions the amount of water which growing plants part with to the air is almost beyond belief. A square foot of long pasture grass gives off nearly 4 2-5 pints of water every twenty-four hours in dry weather. That is to say, there rises into the air 106 tons of water from each acre of meadow within the summer day and night.

One single cabbage has been measured to give off two and one-half pints of water within a similar period. As for the amount big trees give off it is enormous. A sixty-foot elm will have about seven million leaves. If spread out these would cover two hundred thousand square feet, or five acres. From these leaves there pass out into the air within a summer day over seven tons of water in the form of vapor. *Baltimore Sun.*

A THING WORTH KNOWING.

No need of cutting off a woman's breast or a man's cheek or nose in a vain attempt to cure cancer. No need of applying burning plasters to the flesh and torturing those already weak from suffering. Soothing, balsam, aromatic oils give safe, speedy and certain cure. The most horrible forms of cancer of the face, breast, womb, mouth, stomach; large tumors, ugly ulcers, fistula, catarrh; terrible skin diseases, etc., are all successfully treated by the application of various forms of simple oils. Send for a book, mailed free, giving particulars and prices of Oils. Address DR. D. M. BYE CO., Drawer 505, Indianapolis, Ind.

Dr. Coffee Explains His Method of Restoring Sight.

The third edition of his eighty-page book on "The Eye and its Diseases" is ready for distribution and will be sent to all who write him. In a recent letter Dr. Coffee, the noted oculist of Des Moines, Iowa, who is creating such a sensation by his wonderful cures of blindness from cataracts and other eye diseases, states that he has just published the third edition of his book on "The Eye and Its Diseases." He will send this book free to every reader of Vick's Magazine who will write to him. This book shows the eye with all its different diseases. Contains colored photographs showing how diseased and blind eyes look. It explains how Dr. Coffee originated his wonderful Absorption Treatment, how people afflicted with cataracts and all forms of eye diseases can cure themselves of these afflictions at home at a very small expense. It gives the names and addresses of hundreds of people who have been restored to sight by his remedies.

Write Dr. Coffee a postal card today for this book and read his ad. in this paper on page and mention this publication.

Poultry Department

(Continued.)

and lays a quantity of large white eggs. In cold situations, it is likely to suffer from frost-bite, in severe weather, this is its only disqualification. The Leghorn for those who have free range, is a most prolific layer. The eggs are large and light in color, but the hens do not sit and are small eaters. The Orpington is very fashionable at present, particularly the buff variety. It is an excellent layer, especially in the winter. The Black Orpington is well suited to a small run. It is very hardy and lays a lot of colored eggs. The Faverolle is a peculiar looking French fowl, coming quickly into prominence in this country. It matures quickly and adapts itself readily to a small place and is a good layer of light colored red eggs.

The feeding of fowls, so that they may be kept alive and apparently in good health, is a simple matter. At least so it would seem from the way in which many poultry keepers throw down some grain day after day. The same sort of grain, thrown in the same spot, a mode of feeding, which has the advantage of simplicity, and which does not prevent the hens laying a certain number of eggs. But those, who study the matter at all, have found that the object with which the food is given ought to be taken in consideration. Fowls can be fed for increased weight for table purposes, for exhibition, so as to be in the best condition for egg production, and with other results in view. And in each case the diet should be somewhat different. Therefore to give only grain of one description always without any change, is not calculated to bring about the most satisfactory results.

The price of new laid eggs is now rising, owing to their scarcity in the fall and winter; very few people can get their hens to lay at this time, and this to a great extent is because no

(Concluded on page twenty-one.)

MT. STERLING, ILL., JAN. 18th, 1902.
DR. EARL S. SLOAN, Boston, Mass.
Dear Sir:—I received a letter from you a few days ago and a package of Dr. Parker's Sure Kidney Pills, for which I thank you very much.
I have been bothered with my kidneys for over two years, and have used a great many different remedies without success, but am glad to say that your medicine has helped me wonderfully already, and I know that I will soon be cured.
I have only taken half of what you sent me, and feel perfectly well. I will do all I can to advertise you and your remedies in this part of the country, for I know that Dr. Parker's Remedies will do all that you say they will.
Yours very truly,
(Signed) LEO CLARK.

A mail order catalogue of unusual interest is that issued by Ridgway & Co. of Chicago. They advertise a large line of goods suitable for holiday gifts and our readers would do well to send for the catalogue. See their advertisement on page 35 of this issue.

A New Idea.

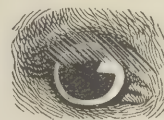
Many ways have been devised for beautifying plant jars, but we regard the new paper jardinières advertised on page 16 of this issue as the best thing yet brought out. The price is so low that anyone can afford to order a dozen or more.

Send 10c (silver) and a 2c stamp and receive fancy collar button and one chance in boy's base ball outfit; or 20c silver, for hold-fast skirt supporter and one chance in handsome fur scarf.
CENTRAL EXCHANGE,
107 Third St., Towanda, Pa.

OJO DE BUEY,

THE MARVELOUS MYSTICISM OF THE

OX'S EYE



A New Problem for Students of the Occult.

From the Semi-Orient—home of mystery and heir to the wonderful wisdom of countless ages—a new problem has come, the problem of Ojo de Buey, or the "Ox's Eye." It is a problem of absorbing interest, and students of occult research throughout the world are uniting in a supreme effort to solve it. To achieve this end, every individual interested in such things is urged to assist in the investigation by means of personal experience and discovery.

Ojo de Buey (pronounced "oh de bway") is a beautiful jewel-like product turned out from the great laboratory of Nature. In size and appearance it resembles an ox's eye. For thousands of years the simple people of the Semi-Orient were the only human beings who knew the virtues of Ojo de Buey, but in these latter days its remarkable talismanic powers have become known to a few travellers and sailors, who have seen those powers conclusively demonstrated. The natives of that far-off land firmly believe that the possessor of Ojo de Buey is effectively protected from ACCIDENT, ILL-HEALTH and the EVIL EYE; that his VITALITY and VIGOR will be PRESERVED, and that he will be FORTUNATE and SUCCESSFUL in all his undertakings.

But to the student of occultism the most wonderful phenomenon connected with this jewel, and which is riveting the attention of great minds throughout the world, is the power it has of enabling a person gazing

steadily at it to see, reflected on its polished surface, scenes of the past and future, places remote and incidents occurring at the moment, at a distance or near by. Faces and movements of lovers, friends or enemies, with their varying expressions, appear to the gazer with a vividness that is startling.

Such a power gives the jewel an inestimable value to its possessor and accounts for the widespread interest it has created. Naturally the number of Ojo de Buey is limited, but the Natural Research Society of London was fortunate enough to secure all that were available, and for the purpose of obtaining the experience of intelligent people to assist in solving the great secret of the "Ox's Eye," they will be distributed among those interested in this country and England. Accordingly the following opportunity is offered whereby you can obtain one of these priceless jewels.

This wonderful and most beautiful of jewels will be sent in a jewel case, with full instructions for observing its phenomena, on receipt of one dollar, the only condition being that those receiving it write us describing their experiences and impressions (except, of course, those of a private character.) Anyone choosing to do so may return talisman within 30 days and receive deposit dollar back. To obtain this jewel call on or address, GEO. E. BENTON & CO., 131 Trenton St., Dept. B, Boston, Mass., U. S. A.

We are very desirous of obtaining from those receiving the Ox's Eye a full description of what they observe and to recompense them for their time and work in sending us the result of their observations we make the following offer:

To the one sending us the most interesting description of what they observe in this Phenomena we will give \$50 IN CASH. To the one sending the next most interesting description we will give \$25, to the next \$10 and to the next three \$5 each.

Any person sending for the Ox's Eye as above before February 1st, 1903 can compete. The description of what you observe must reach us on or before February 25th. The prizes will be awarded the first week in March and the names of the prize winners will be given in the April issues of the Magazines in which this notice appears.

No person in any way connected with the firm of GEO. E. BENTON & COMPANY, whether member of the firm or employe, will be allowed to compete.

Stories From Nature

Describing life and conditions as they exist today. Every number of YOUNG'S MAGAZINE contains stories and articles on subjects seldom discussed in the every-day magazine.

Here are a few of the titles of articles that have appeared in recent issues:

The Hat and Belt of Virtue—The Tragedy of Sex—Warned-over Love—Under a Woman's Apron—Women's Virtue and Honor—The Shame of Mormonism—Reforming a Magdalen—Why Do Men and Women Marry?—Know Thyself—The Woman was the Sinner—Does Co-education Decrease Population?—The Satiety of Love.

The magazine is on sale at all news stands 10c. a copy. Subscription price \$1.00 a year.

Special Offer:—Send 25c. (silver) for 6 month's trial subscription. Positively no free copies.

YOUNG'S MAGAZINE, 610 Mail and Express Bldg., New York.

Splendid Presents

for a little work you can easily earn watches, clocks, silverware, cutlery, games, books, dolls, etc. Don't miss our new plan and special premium list. Write today to HOWARD COMPANY, 567 Masonic Temple, Chicago.

A PERMANENT INCOME for ANY LADY selling our Silk-E Goods, Silk-E Undershirts, \$2.50, look and rustle like silk. Wear better. Silk-E stockings, open work or plain 30c per pair. Black braid belts, 50c each, charges prepaid. One energetic agent wanted in each county. Liberal terms. SILK-E MFG. CO., 776 Park Row Bldg., New York.

LADIES LOST for pleasant and profitable home work for long fall and winter evenings, can take up fancy work with the aid of my pretty assortment of stamped satin squares. There is always a good demand for tasty article in that line. 6 squares and catalogue of fancy goods, only 10c. Worcester Shopping and Business Agency, 58 Front St., Worcester, Mass.

MYSTERY TALK, or ventriloquism easily learned by our method; complete instructions and a large package of amusing matter, games, etc., including checkers, chess (board and men) fox and geese, 9 men morris, dominoes and authors. All goes at special holiday price, only 12c. WINSLOW SUPPLY COMPANY, 457 Franklin Street, Melrose Highlands, Mass.

THE PHILOSOPHY OF TOYS (10c.) How the door of play opens naturally into the life of industrial activity (No. 1 of the Kingdom of Heaven Series. Straight Edge Press, 1 Seventh Ave. New York

Letter Writers wanted to do work at home. For particulars send self-addressed, stamped envelope to HOME SUPPLY CO., Box 85, Minocqua, Wis.

Self-Hypnotic Healing

I have made a late discovery that enables all to induce the hypnotic sleep in themselves instantly at first trial, awoken at any desired time and thereby cure all known diseases and bad habits, control their dreams, read the minds of friends and enemies, visit any part of the earth, solve hard questions and problems in this sleep and remember all when awake. This so-called Mental Vision Lesson will be sent to anyone for only 10c (silver). Sold on credit. Actually enabling you to do the above before any charge whatever. PROF. R. E. DUTTON, Lincoln, Nebraska, U. S. A.

XMAS BOOKS New plans, new prices, new schemes—we give you over 50 per cent commission on fine, big books, selling at 22c, 37c, 73c, and you can sell 2 for 6 at every house. Address quickly, HOWARD CO., 567 Masonic Temple, Chicago.

LINEN MARKING Stamp with full name or initial, indelible ink and pad for 20 cts. Essex Specialty Co., Orange, N. J.

LOOK! TO INTRODUCE our large catalogue, we will send this box of Toys, Jewelry, Tricks and Novelties, by mail for 40c. The box contains 1 Imitation Chastelaine Watch, 1 stone set Ring, 1 Uncle Sam's Badge, 1 Punch and Judy Whistle, 1 Cross Charm, 1 Brass Bell for Kitty's neck, 1 Nigger Baby (very Funny), 1 Colorado Gold Pen, 1 Brownie on Metal Bicycle, 1 Pussy Cat playing violin, also 4 genuine Photographs of Actresses in stage costumes; all the above by mail for 10c. Address J. H. PIKE, Stamford, Conn., Dept. 1234

FREE We give the Premiums illustrated and many others for selling our Gold Eyed Needles at 5c a paper. With every two papers, we give an Aluminum Thimble. Send no money, just name and address, letter or postal, ordering 24 papers needles and 12 thimbles. We send them post paid, with large premium list. When sold, send us \$1.20 and we will send premium you select. Write today and get extra present free.

NATIONAL SUPPLY COMPANY,
JAMESTOWN, PA.

“Mental Nuts.” Dictionary (Conundrum book.) (Vest Pocket.)

“Knots.” (Book of 6 Stamped 6 inch 100 puzzling queries) Linen Doilies.

“Yarns from Yarn-1 set Skirt Sup-ville.” (Funny book) porters.

YOUR CHOICE OF ANY OF THESE ARTICLES FREE!

With every order for our handsome, genuine leather cardcase and 100 Engraver's Roman cards,—visiting or business—fine quality white Regulation size by Tiffany Rule. Printed as you wish them. Price of case and cards 75c. A bargain. Write today for circulars and catalogue of household specialties. Agents wanted in every town and village. **Household Supply Co., 23 Forrest Hills St., J. P. Boston, Mass.**

A WOMAN'S FACE

whether in the city or in the country, is too important to be neglected. Every lady knows this is true. Make and keep it sweet, healthy and attractive, but don't spend a fortune on Creams, Soaps, Cosmetics etc., most of which encourage the growth of hair. Full particulars sent on request with stamp for reply. Write at once. **J. L. Morse, P. O. Box 1177, Phila., Pa.**

SILK REMNANTS 2 cents a pack. Having a large stock we will reduce our price to move them. All new, bright pieces, corners and squares. Good size. Most beautiful designs, 15 choice pieces in each pack, also velvet and satin squares extra, 1 package, 2 cents; 3 packages for 5 cents; 12 packages for 15c; 100 packages for \$1.00, postpaid.

L. E. GOGGINS, Box 31, Roselle, N. J.

PANTALOONS Match. Useful, ornamental, funny. Best seller for agents. 10c. **A. H. Peterson, - Dept. 3, Louisville, Neb.**

PLAYS, Dialogs, Speakers, Operettas, Drills, Reward Cards. Big Catalogue free. **LOGAN, DAILY & Co., 561 Wabash Av., Chicago.**

BIG VALUE Premium Package. Entertaining, amusing, delightful, instructive. 10c. **George Norman, West Duluth, Minn.**

IT DELIGHTS WRITERS. Our new Fountain pen. Device can be instantly attached to any pen making a complete well, holding enough ink to write a long letter. Fills itself with one ink dip and does not leak. As good as a high-priced Fountain Pen, and better, for you can use your favorite pen. 3 samples, 15 cents. Agents wanted. **EDEN SPECIALTY BUREAU, 130 Gano Street, Providence, R. I.**

TURKEY is the land of subtle sense and charming odors. and Sommo Perfume is made from an old Turkish formula. It is in tablet form and inhaling its delicate fragrance causes a sense of languor and inclines one to sleep. Kept in the wardrobe it imparts an exquisite lasting perfume to the entire contents. Sample cake, 10 cents. **THE CLIFF COMPANY, 34 Lincoln Street, Charlestown, Mass.**

FREE Solid Gold-filled Ring diamond resenblants 2 garnets. Send name (we trust you for 10 boxes Foaming Tooth Powder sell at 10c get ring. Am. Supply Co. D.7, Bridgeport, Ct.

HOME WORK for ladies that is pleasant and highly profitable. Our package of stamped satins (6 colors, all bright) enables you to make a variety of tasty little articles that find a ready sale. This is just the season, order a lot today. 1 package 10 cents, 3 for 25 cents. **ART SPECIALTY COMPANY, 44 Cedar St., Malden, Mass.**

YOUR EYE, LADIES for a moment. Do you profitable work you can do at home with my embroidery materials? Collars, centerpieces, doilies, pillow tops, hair pins and jewelry trays, etc. To start you we send descriptive matter, and a nice package of satin squares, assorted colors, for only 10c. **LADIES SUPPLY CO., 57 5th Street, New Bedford, Mass.**

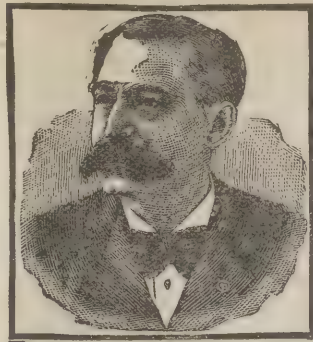
PANTALOONS Match Safe. Useful, ornamental, funny. Best seller for agents' 10c. **J. Tepper & Co., 470 E. Houston St., New York City**

Jes' Fore Christmas.

Father calls me William, sister calls me Will, Mother calls me Willie—but the fellers call me Bill! Mighty glad I ain't a girl—ruther be a boy Without them sashes, curls an' things that's worn by Fauntleroy! Love to chawnk green apples an' go swimmin' in the lake— Hate to take the castor-ile they give f'r belly-ache! Most all the time the hull year round' there ain't no flies on me. But jes' fore Christmas I'm as good as I kin be. Got a yaller dog named Sport—sick 'em on the cat; Fust thing she knows she dosen't know where she is at! Got a clipper sled, an' when us boys go put to slide 'Long comes the grocery cart an' we all hook a ride! But, sometimes, when the grocery man is worried and cross, He reached at me with his whip, and larrups up his hoss, An' then I laff an' holler: “Oh, you never teched me!” But jes' fore Christmas I'm as good as I can be. For Christmas, with its lots an' lots of candies, cakes, an' toys, Was made, they say, for proper kids, an' not for naughty boys; So, wash yer face, an' brush yer hair, an' mind yer p's an' q's, And don't bust out yer pantaloons, and don't wear out your shoes; Say “Yessum” to the ladies, an’ “Yessur” to the men, An' when they's company don't pass yer plate for pie again; But thinkin' of the things yer'd like to see upon that tree. Jest fore Christmas, be as good as yer kin be. *Eugene Field.*

Confections for Chrhtsma
(Continued from page fourteen.)

halved dates, or whatever sweet-meat preferred may be used, according to fancy, making a nice variety of candies. This candy dough can also be pressed through a pastry bag and fashioned into elegant roses, cubes, grapes and scrolls for ornamenting Christmas fruit cakes. It makes elegant icing if spread in thin coats over the cake, using a broad bladed knife, dipped every little while into water to keep the icing perfectly smooth. The ornaments can then be added according to taste and dexterity. Forget not the advise of Laertes to Polonius: “Costly thy habit as thy purse can buy.” Apropos of the same, dress home-made candies as well as the confectioners dress them, in bright tissue, gilt or silver paper; in neat and pretty cornucopias and boxes, and use bright tints of fruit coloring, in variety. Baby ribbon and a sprig of holly with red berries will detract nothing from the toothsome sweets the exterior of which they are used to decorate. Detract nothing? Holly adds everything to anything for Christmas. It enhances every gift and brightens every festive board its bristling green leaves and scarlet berries adorn.



Any Horseman

of experience knows that there is no Liniment so efficient and absorbent and quick as well in its action as

Sloan's Liniment

It is not a cheap wash but a genuine pain reliever and scientifically curative preparation.

Sold by all Dealers. Horse size, 50c. and \$1 per bottle. Family size, 25c.

100.00 DOLLARS FOR A NAME

The Graphology Publishing Co., Incorporated, will publish a Monthly Illustrated Family Magazine and desire a suitable name for it. The Magazine will be printed in clear type on good paper and contain departments of interest to both young and old. The first issue will be ready by Christmas. **WE WILL PAY \$100.00** to the person who sends us the most appropriate name. A committee of three prominent business men will assist in the selection of the name, and the awarding of the \$100.00.—All names must be received by us with 25 cents for a 3 months' subscription before Dec. 21, 1902, in order to make the \$100.00 a Christmas present. Do not delay, but send us the name at once. **GRAPHOLOGY PUBLISHING CO. - 503 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK**

TEA SET FREE! The Chance of a Lifetime. We are makers of pure vegetable remedies and to introduce our new popular sugar coated Liver Pills, we are giving away 10,000 of these HANDSOME 17 PIECE CHINA TEA SETS. A Set to every person selling only 5 boxes at 20 cents per box, which you can do in a few minutes. Write us at once and we will send the 5 boxes, when sold send us the \$1.00 you receive and we send you this handsome TEA SET securely packed to your address. Don't delay. Send at once. **Address, Reliable Remedy Co. P. O. Box 1528, New York**

THE FAMILY RECORD

A Beautiful picture 16x20 in rich colors upon a background of Solid Gold. Around the picture are ten spaces for photographs which include two for father and mother. In each space is a beautiful flower, pansies, roses, sweet peas, etc., nearly a million have been sold already and the demand is greater than ever. Worth 50c, sample postpaid for 25c, or nine for \$1.00 or \$9.50 per 100. You should easily sell 100 in a week and make \$15.50 clear profit. Beautiful frames \$1.00 each or \$10 dozen. **WE GIVE CREDIT** after the first order if requested. Write for FREE catalogue of Marriage Certificates Memorial, Religious and other pictures. **JAMES LEE, Omaha Bldg. - Chicago.**

Thirty Hidden Name Cards (your name on) Sheet Mottoes, Riddles, Puzzles, Secrets, Game Fortunes, Etc. All for 10 cents. **ROYAL CARD CO., - Montowese, Conn.**

MUSICIANS AND SINGERS

Send your address and learn how to make and save money on all music published. Agents wanted. **FOSKETT - 355 Dearborn St. Chicago.**

A MYSTIC MAN

does everything but talk. His appearance indicates that the X-ray camera has been used upon him, as he is clad very lightly. Oceans of fun for long winter evenings. If you want him to caper for your amusement send 8 cents to pay his way. **THE EXELFO CO., Lynn, Massachusetts.**

How to Quit Tobacco.

A new discovery odorless and tasteless that Ladies can give in coffee or any kind of food, quickly curing the patient without his knowledge. Anyone can have a free trial package by addressing Rogers Drug and Chemical Co., 3692 Fifth and Race Sts., Cincinnati, Ohio

CALIFORNIA'S OIL BOOM. No work. Invest \$5 and get \$25; \$50, \$250 per month. Stock cheap. You can't lose. Real estate security. It's your turn. Agents wanted. **Oil Company, 33 Rea Bldg., San Jose, California.**

WIDE AWAKE FREE

Any girl can earn this beautiful Imported French Doll nearly two feet tall, a perfect beauty imported direct from Europe. This lovely doll has a beautiful turning bisque head, pearly teeth, long golden hair, natural sleeping eyes, jointed body, real slippers, stockings, etc., by introducing our latest Parisian Novelties, ladies and misses belt pins, hair barrettes, beauty pins, etc., at ten cents per card. **Our Grand 30 day Proposition** which is apart from above, send us your full name & address & we will send you 15 cards of our latest Parisian Novelties postpaid. You sell at ten cents per card and return us \$1.50, we will send you a beautiful Imported French Doll also a gold finished ring. **FRENCH DOLL** **FRENCH NOVELTY CO., Dept. D, 68 Bridgeport, Conn.**

PERSONAL

We have made a special arrangement with **PROF. ASTRO**, the world renowned Astrologer, by which every reader of this paper gets a Free Horoscope of his or her life. Simply send your name, date of birth and stamp to pay postage to Prof. Astro and get

★ ★ YOUR FORTUNE TOLD FREE ★ ★

By Astrology as the stars reveal it; past, present and future correctly treated and success assured in love and business; mysteries revealed. Astro is called “the marvel of the age” because of his true predictions; his horoscopes are certainly wonderful diviners and we are glad to make this special arrangement with him for we believe he can make your life successful if you heed his advice. If you will write at once he will also send a full description of the person you should love. Address, **Prof. S. K. ASTRO, Box 3693, Philadelphia, Pa. ★**

Write Prof. Astro, if just out of curiosity—Editor.

Less Than Half Price

Our arrangements with publishers are so favorable that we are able to furnish standard works of fiction and other literature, all attractively bound, for less than one-half publisher's prices.

Order by number and be sure to write plainly to avoid mistakes. Be sure to include postage that there may be no delay in filling orders. No books sent C. O. D. unless enough money is sent with order to cover express charges both ways.

Standard Series

Comprises following Titles,



Well made and a marvel of cheapness. Well printed on a medium grade of paper and neatly bound in cloth, assorted colors, with new artistic design. 16 mos (6 1/2 in. in size) and average nearly 400 pages per volume.

Never before was so much good reading, in a substantial form, offered for so little money.

- 101 Adventures of a Brownie, Mullock
- 102 Aesop's Fables,
- 103 Alice in Wonderland, Carroll
- 104 Auld Licht Idylls, Barrie
- 105 Autocrat of the Breakfast Table,
- 106 Bacon's Essays,
- 107 Black Beauty, Sewell
- 108 Blithedale Romance, Hawthorne
- 109 Book of Golden Deeds, Yonge
- 110 Bracebridge Hall, Irving
- 111 Browning, Robert, Poems,
- 112 Child's History of England,
- 113 Coming Race, Lytton
- 114 Cricket on the Hearth, Dickens
- 115 Crown of Wild Olive, Ruskin
- 116 Dream Life, Marvel
- 117 Drummond's Addresses,
- 118 Essays on Mankind, Betty
- 119 Ethics of the Dust, Ruskin
- 120 Evangeline, Longfellow
- 121 Faust, Goethe
- 122 Flower Fables, Alcott
- 123 Girl in Ten Thousand, Meade
- 124 Good Luck, Meade
- 125 Grandfather's Chair, Hawthorne
- 126 Heroes and Hero Worship, Carlyle
- 127 Hiawatha, Longfellow
- 128 Holy Living, Jeremy Taylor
- 129 Holy Dying, Jeremy Taylor
- 130 House of the Seven Gables,
- 131 Idle Thoughts of an Idle Fellow,
- 132 Imitation of Christ, T. a Kempis
- 133 In His Steps, Sheldon
- 134 In Memoriam, Tennyson
- 135 John Halifax, Mulock
- 136 Lady of the Lake, Scott
- 137 Lalla Rookh, Moore
- 138 Lamb's Essays of Elia,
- 139 Lamb's Tales from Shakespeare
- 140 Lang's Green Fairy Book.
- 141 Lang's Red Fairy Book.
- 142 Lang's Blue Fairy Book.
- 143 Lang's Yellow Fairy Book.
- 144 Lays of Ancient Rome, Macaulay
- 145 Lays of Scottish Cavaliers, Aytoun
- 146 Light of Asia, Arnold
- 150 Longfellow's Poems.
- 151 Lowell's Poems.
- 152 Lucile, Owen Meredith
- 153 Man in Black, Weyman
- 154 Marmon, Scott
- 155 Modern Painters, Ruskin
- 156 Mornings in Florence, Ruskin
- 158 Paradise Lost, Milton
- 159 Paradise Regained, Milton
- 160 Past and Present, Carlyle
- 161 Phillips Brooks' Addresses.
- 162 Poe's Poems.
- 163 Prince of the House of David.
- 164 Princess, Tennyson
- 165 Prue and I, Curtis
- 166 Queen of the Air, Ruskin
- 167 Rab and His Friends, Brown
- 168 Representative Man, Emerson
- 169 Reveries of a Bachelor, Marvel
- 170 Rollo in Geneva, Abbott
- 171 Rollo in Holland, Abbott
- 172 Rollo in London, Abbott
- 173 Rollo in Naples, Abbott
- 174 Rollo in Paris, Abbott
- 175 Rollo in Rome, Abbott
- 176 Rollo in Scotland, Abbott
- 177 Rollo in Switzerland, Abbott
- 178 Rollo on the Atlantic, Abbott
- 179 Rollo on the Rhine, Abbott
- 180 Romeo and Juliet, Shakespeare
- 182 Scarlet Letter, Hawthorne
- 183 Sesame and Lilies, Ruskin
- 184 Ships that Pass in the Night.
- 185 Sketch Book, Irving
- 186 Stick Minister, Crockett
- 187 Story of an African Farm.
- 188 Study in Scarlet, Doyle

- 189 Tanglewood Tales, Hawthorne
- 190 Ten Nights in a Bar Room, Arthur
- 191 Three Men in a Boat, Jerome
- 192 Through the Looking Glass.
- 193 Treasure Island, Stevenson
- 194 Twice-Told Tales, Hawthorne
- 195 Uncle Tom's Cabin, Stowe
- 196 Vicar of Wakefield, Goldsmith
- 197 Water Babies, Kingsley
- 198 Whittier's Poems.
- 199 Willy Reilly, Carleton
- 200 Wonder Book, Hawthorne

Publisher's price per volume 35c. Our price 15c. Our price per dozen, \$1.50—12/40 each.

Postage, 6c per copy extra; or sent by freight or express, charges to be paid on delivery.

Always Order by Number.

The Cornell Series

Uniform Cloth Binding. Gilt Tops.



Comprising 100 titles of Standard Works. Printed from large type on good paper and bound in uniform cloth binding. 12 mos.

This series is published by the same house as the "HOME LIBRARY SERIES." In listing the two series all duplicates have been eliminated. Though low in price they are thoroughly well printed on good paper and are well bound. They offer unusual value.

- 201 All Sorts and Conditions of Men.
- 202 Among the Ostrich Hunters.
- 203 Around the World in the Yacht Sunbeam, Mrs. Brassey
- 204 Arundel Motto, Mary Cecil Hay
- 205 Autobiography of Franklin.
- 206 Barrack Room Ballads, Kipling
- 207 Bondman, Caine
- 208 By Order of the King, Hugo
- 209 California and Oregon Trail.
- 210 Cast up by the Sea, Baker
- 211 Character, Smiles
- 212 Chevalier de Maison Rouge,
- 213 Confessions of an Opium Eater.
- 214 Conquest of Granada, Irving
- 215 Cosmopolis, Bourget
- 216 Countess de Charney, Dumas
- 217 Cranford, Mrs. Gaskell
- 218 Daughter of an Empress, The
- 219 David Copperfield, Dickens
- 220 Dora Deane, Holmes
- 221 Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde.
- 222 Duty, Smiles
- 223 800 Leagues on the Amazon.
- 224 Emerson's Essays,
- 225 Esther, Carey
- 226 Famous Warriors.
- 227 15 Decisive Battles of the World.
- 228 First Violin, Fothergill
- 229 Forty-Five Guardsmen, Dumas
- 230 Frederick the Great and His Court.
- 231 Gold Elsie, Marlitt
- 232 Green Mountain Boys, The
- 233 Grimm's Household Tales,
- 234 Grimm's Popular Tales.
- 235 House of the Wolf, Weyman
- 236 Hunchback of Notre Dame, Hugo
- 237 Hypatia, Kingsley
- 238 In the Schillingscourt, Marlitt
- 239 Jackanapes, Ewing
- 240 Joshua, Ebers
- 241 Kidnapped, Stevenson
- 242 Knickerbocker's History of New York, Irving
- 243 Lady with the Rubies, Marlitt
- 244 Light That Failed, The Kipling
- 245 Lorna Doone, Blackmore
- 246 Macaulay's Essays, (Selected)
- 247 Nan in the Iron Mask, Dumas
- 248 Marguerite de Valois, Dumas
- 249 Mary St. John, Carey
- 250 Master of Ballantrae, The
- 251 Masterman Ready, Marrayat
- 252 Meadow Brook, Holmes
- 253 Memoirs of a Physician, Dumas

- 254 Merle's Crusade, Carey
- 255 Michael Strogoff, Verne
- 256 Mr. Midshipman, Easy.
- 257 Moonstone, The, Collins
- 258 Mopsa the Fairy, Ingelow
- 259 Mysterious Island, The, Verne
- 260 Ninety-Three, Hngo
- 261 Not Like Other Girls, Carey
- 262 Old Myddleton's Money, Hay
- 263 Only the Governess, Carey
- 264 Our Bessie, Carey
- 265 Pair of Blue Eyes, A, Hardy
- 266 Pathfinder, The, Cooper
- 267 Pilgrim's Progress, Bunyan
- 268 Pillar of Fire, The, Ingraham
- 269 Pride and Prejudice, Austen
- 270 Princess of the Floor, Marlitt
- 271 Queen Hortense, Muhlbach
- 272 Queenie's Whim, Carey
- 273 Schonberg—Cotta Family.
- 274 Sartor Resartus, Carlyle
- 275 Second Wife, The, Marlitt
- 276 Self-Help, Smiles
- 277 Sense and Sensibility, Austen
- 278 Sign of the Four, The, Doyle
- 279 Silence of Dean Maitland, Grey
- 280 Six to Sixteen, Ewing
- 281 Spy, The, Cooper
- 282 Taking the Bastille, Dumas
- 283 Tales of a Traveller, Irving
- 284 Ten Years Later, Dumas
- 285 Terrible Temptation, A, Reade
- 286 Three Guardsmen, Dumas
- 287 Thrift, Smiles
- 288 Toilers of the Sea, Hugo
- 289 Travels in Iceland, Kneeland
- 290 Twenty Years After, Dumas
- 291 Two Years Before the Mast, Dana
- 292 Uncle Tom's Cabin, Stowe
- 293 We and the World, Ewing
- 294 Wee Wifie, Rosa N. Carey
- 295 We Two, Edna Lyall
- 296 When a Man's Single, Barrie
- 297 Window in Thrums, Barrie
- 298 Wing and Wing, Cooper
- 299 Won by Waiting, Edna Lyall
- 300 Wreck of the Grosvenor, The

Publisher's price 75c. Our price 30c—postage 12c each. Our price per dozen \$2.75—23c each. Any 50 for \$11.00—22c. each.

Transportation is payable by purchaser.

Always Order by Number.

The St. Nicholas Series for Boys and Girls.

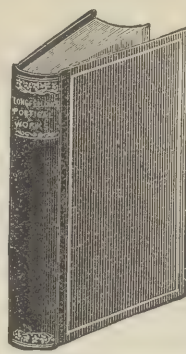


25 Volumes. Ornamental Cloth. Profusely Illustrated.

These books have been selected from the writings of a large number of popular authors and many of them published at high prices. The stories are narrated in a readable style and are deeply interesting in themselves; sunny and thoroughly wholesome, profusely illustrated, and are particularly adapted to supply attractive reading for boys and girls.

- 851 All Baba, and the Forty Thieves.
 - 852 Brownies, The, Ewing
 - 853 Captain Rudder's Voyage. Story of Search for the Golden Fountain
 - 854 Children's Hour, The, Molesworth
 - 855 Christie's Old Organ; or Home, Sweet Home, Mrs. Walton
 - 856 Dog of Flanders, A. A Christmas Story.
 - 857 Four Little Mischiefs, Mulholland
 - 858 Hunting of the Shark, The, Carroll
 - 859 Jessica's First Prayer.
 - 860 King of the Golden River, Ruskin
 - 861 Last of the Huggermuggers, The. A Giant Story.
 - 862 Little Old Portrait, Molesworth
 - 863 Lob-Lie-By-the-Fire, Ewing
 - 864 Mary Jane Papers, The For girls
 - 865 Miss Toosey's Mission,
 - 866 Naughty Miss Bunny.
 - 867 Nurnberg Stove, The.
 - 868 Nurse Heatherdale's Story.
 - 869 Pen's Venture. A Story for Girls
 - 870 Peter and Tom; Two Unlikely Heroes.
 - 871 Playmates, Meade
 - 872 Rudy and Babette, Andersen
 - 873 Thirteen Little Black Pigs.
 - 874 Troubles of Tatters, The.
 - 875 Whispering Winds, The, and the Tales that They Told.
- Publisher's price per volume 75c. Our price 30c—postage 12c each. Our price per dozen, \$2.75—23c. each. Full list (25 titles) for 5.50—22c. each. Transportation is payable by purchaser. Always Order by Number.

The Harvard Series of Poets.



Comprising 50 titles, including all the popular English and American Poets. Printed from new large type plates and bound in handsome cloth binding. 12mo.

- 751 Arnold (Matthew)
- 752 Browning (Mrs.)
- 753 Browning (Robert)
- 754 Bryant
- 755 Burns
- 756 Byron
- 757 Carey (Alice and Phoebe)
- 758 Coleridge
- 759 Courtship of Miles Standish
- 760 Dante (Carey with Notes)
- 761 Eliot
- 762 Emerson (Biog'l Introduction)
- 763 Evangeline (Notes)
- 764 Faust (Swanwick)
- 765 Favorite Poems
- 766 Golden Treasury (Palgrave)
- 767 Goldsmith (Biog'l Introduction)
- 768 Gray (with Notes)
- 769 Hemans, Mrs. (with Notes)
- 770 Hiawatha (with Notes)
- 771 Holmes (Biog'l Introduction)
- 772 Hood
- 773 Liad, The (Pope)
- 774 Jean Ingelow
- 775 Keats
- 776 Kipling (Biog'l Introduction)
- 777 Lady of the Lake (with Notes)
- 778 Lalla Rookh (with Notes)
- 779 Lay of the Last Minstrel (Notes)
- 780 Light of Asia
- 781 Longfellow (Biog'l Introduction)
- 782 Lowell (Biog'l Introduction)
- 783 Lucile
- 784 Macaulay
- 785 Marmion (with Notes)
- 786 Milton
- 787 Moore (with Notes)
- 788 Odyssey, The (Pope)
- 789 Paradise Lost
- 790 Poe (with Memoir)
- 791 Pope (with Notes)
- 792 Procter
- 793 Rossetti
- 794 Rubaiyat (Fitzgerald)
- 795 Scott (with Notes)
- 796 Shelley
- 797 Swinburne
- 798 Tennyson
- 799 Whittier (Biog'l Introduction)
- 800 Wordsworth (with Notes)

Publisher's price per volume \$1.00. Our price 40c—postage 12c each. Our price per dozen \$3.84—32c each. Any 25 titles \$7.75—31c each.

Transportation payable by purchaser.

Always Order by Number.

The Young Patriot Series.



Uniform Cloth Binding. Extra Illustrated

This series of historical stories are taken from the minor incidents of the Revolutionary War, scenes where in boys are prominent characters being selected. They are the romance of history, vigorously told, and accurate in every particular wherein mention is made of movement of troops, or the doings of noted citizens. The purpose is to elaborate those adventures to which little space is usually given by historians.

888 Brave Defense, A, Chipman
 889 Corporal Lige's Recruit, Otis
 890 Cruise with Paul Jones, A, Otis
 891 Morgan, the Jersey Spy, Otis
 892 On the Kentucky Frontier, Otis
 893 Sarah Dillard's Ride, Otis
 894 Traitor's Escape, A, Otis

VICK PUBLISHING COMPANY, 62 State Street, Rochester, N. Y.

895 Tory Plot, A, Otis
 896 With the Regulators, Otis
 897 With the Swamp Fox, Otis
 898 Young Minuteman, The, Chipman
 Publisher's price \$1.00.
 Our price 50c—postage 14c each.
 Our price, per half-dozen, \$2.52, 42c each.
 The entire series (11 titles) \$4.40, 40c each.
 Transportation payable by purchaser.

Always Order by Number.

One Syllable Books.



Ornamental Cloth Binding. Profusely Illustrated. 12 Titles.

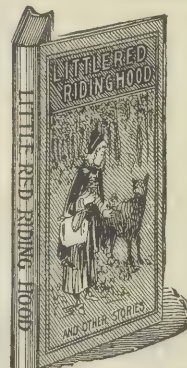
- 876 Aesop Fables.
- 877 Andersen's Fairy Tales.
- 878 Bible Heroes.
- 879 Grimm's Fairy Tales.
- 880 Gulliver's Travels.
- 881 Life of Christ.
- 882 Lives of the Presidents.
- 883 Pilgrim's Progress.
- 884 Reynard the Fox.
- 885 Robinson Crusoe.
- 886 Sanford and Merton.
- 887 Swiss Family Robinson.

All of the above stories are retold in words of one syllable making them delightful reading for children.

Publisher's price 50c. Our price 30c—postage 8c each. Our price per dozen, \$2.76—23c each. Transportation payable by purchaser.

Always Order by Number.

The Mother Goose Series.



17 Titles Cloth Binding Illuminated Covers. A Series of Profusely Illustrated Books for Children.

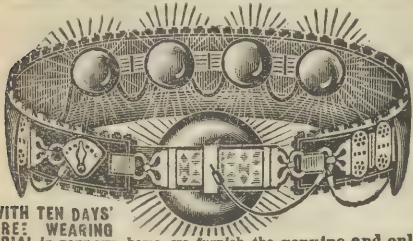
- 940 Aladdin and the Wonderful Lamp.
- 941 Animal Stories for Little People
- 942 Beauty and the Beast.
- 943 Bird Stories for Little People
- 944 Cinderella.
- 945 Goody Two-Shoes
- 946 House that Jack Built, The
- 947 Jack and the Beanstalk.
- 948 Jack the Giant Killer.
- 949 Little Red Riding Hood
- 950 Mother Goose's Rhymes
- 951 Mother Hubbard's Melodies
- 952 Patty and Her Pitcher
- 953 Peter and His Goose
- 954 Puss in Boots
- 955 Sleeping Beauty, The
- 956 Who Killed Cock Robin

In most of the above the title of the book is that of the leading story, other short stories being added to make the books uniform in size.

Publisher's price 50c. Our price 25c—Postage 12c each. Our price per dozen, \$2.76—23c each. For the set (17 titles) \$3.74—21c each. Transportation payable by purchaser.

Always Order by Number.

FREE ELECTRIC BELT OFFER



WITH TEN DAYS' FREE WEARING TRIAL in your own home, we furnish the genuine and only HERRBERG ALTERNATING CURRENT ELECTRIC BELTS to any reader of this paper. **NO MONEY IN ADVANCE; very low cost; positive guarantee. COSTS ALMOST NOTHING** compared with most all other treatments. Cures when all other electric belts, appliances and remedies fail. **QUICK CURE** for more than 50 ailments. **ONLY SURE CURE** for all nervous diseases, weakness and disorders. For complete sealed confidential catalogue, cut this ad. out and mail to us. **SEARS, ROEBUCK & CO., CHICAGO.**



George Clark WILL GIVE YOU THIS RING Solid Gold finished, set with Rubies and Pearls, **FREE** for selling 4 of my large Art Pictures at the reduced price of 25 cents. All different. No trouble to sell these pictures, they are handsome art productions, done in 10 to 17 colors, originals costing 200 to 500 dollars. The first four you meet will gladly take them at 25 cents to help you win the premium. The Ring guaranteed worth many times this small service, but want to introduce my pictures at once. **Send No Money In Advance.** I trust you and will send the pictures representing 4 different and beautiful scenes, all charges paid, immediately on hearing from you. **Geo. M. CLARE, Mgr. 823 Dearborn St., Chicago.**

COZY HOMES

FOR A DIME I will send one Portfolio containing 10 designs of Cozy Homes, or one Port. and 50 design book for 30c.

A	from \$ 300	to \$ 900
B	" 600	" 1250
C	" 1000	" 1750
D	" 1500	" 2500
E	" 2000	" 3000

Send me \$1 and your own plan and I will lay it out at scale and make you a pretty view of house.

A. BLAIR RIDINGTON, Architect, 802 Chestnut St., St. Louis, Mo. Write at Once.

Stop Hair Falling Out.

HAIR-TONE is a newly discovered compound that produces an immediate growth of hair when applied according to directions. Nothing equals it. The very worst cases are solicited, as **HAIR-TONE** never fails. Full pint, as a trial treatment only, on receipt of 25c. If your hair is thin or falling out don't neglect it any longer. Address **HAIR-TONE MFG. CO., 131 S. Commerce St., Natchez, Miss.**

Newspaper Work pays \$5 to \$10 per column. Our complete course only \$5. Why pay \$50? Adapted to either sex, young or old. **Press Writers' Association, Rochester, N. Y.**

SECRET LANGUAGE

Can you read this? .Wh 28 387 h2 04 60 924 th5 Secret Writing

Distributing out. No conversation cards or code, but an actual verbal language. Memorized instantly, my Secret Writing system is the best one out. Each copy includes a book, for free, and a set of keys, for free, and a set of keys, for free. Includes gold and silver ink and other valuable recipes. Two keys provided for the Circulars for stamp. **C. M. MAHOD, Dept. L, EMLENTON, PA.**

Hypnotism

BE A HYPNOTIST AND MAKE FUN and MONEY

It takes but a few hours' time. The study is both easy and fascinating. Hypnotism is an endless source of fun and wonder. If you know how to hypnotize you can perform the most marvelous feats imaginable. You can do a thousand amazing things that other people cannot do. You can surprise all your friends and make yourself famous. You can place any one you wish under this strange and magic spell. You can compel them to think, act and feel just as you wish. If you want to **make money** you can do it by giving entertainments, curing diseases or teaching the art to others.

These are three sure and easy ways to win a fortune. Why be poor? Why work for others when you can master this money-making profession so easily? Investigate **now**. You can learn at home without cost. I will send you my **big free book** for the asking. It tells all about Hypnotism. It is the most elaborate and valuable work of the kind ever published. It contains hundreds of beautiful pictures and explains all the mysteries and secrets of the art. Anybody can learn from it all about the Hypnotic Spell, how it is operated, how it sways the will of its subjects, heals the sick, reforms the degraded, wins undying love, helps to trade or position, amuses an audience for profit, and gains for the operator himself health, wealth and happiness. It also treats fully on Personal Magnetism, Magnetic Healing and kindred subjects, and how to **cure** Yourself of any pain, ache or disease. Remember this book is **absolutely free**. Simply write for it. Send your name and address to-day.

PROF. L. A. HARRADEN, Dept. 5, Jackson, Mich.

A SLIGHT MISTAKE.

(Continued from page eight.)

"I hurried away and saw no more of the two ladies until dinner-time, when I noticed them at some distance from me and at the opposite side of the table. My next neighbor was the pretty girl I have mentioned, and in my efforts to please her I forgot my nervousness. I discovered that Miss Maynard—that was the pretty girl's name—and I had mutual friends in the States, so we were soon on the best of terms. There was a chance that we might meet at a Christmas gathering at the home of an old school friend of mine in Virginia, so I felt that it would be worth while to cultivate her acquaintance.

"Every time I go to sea it seems to me that the same people are on board," she said, "but I can't quite make out who that pretty girl is over there, next to the woman whose mouth twitches so curiously. Do you know?"

"In what was almost a whisper, I told her what I had heard."

"Oh," she exclaimed, "how very interesting! Quite exciting, isn't it? I must get to know her. I love talking to people like that, don't you?"

"Well n-no," I confessed, "I don't think I do, quite. They—well one never knows quite what they'll do next, and the unexpected constantly happens. I once knew a man like that who invariably endeavored to stand on his head as soon as he entered a room. It was awkward, for no one was heroic enough to attempt to stop his eccentricities."

"It must have been awkward," she said pensively. "But there is no fear of that in this case."

"Oh, no!" I replied hastily. "Some one else I knew used to go about embracing every one. That was a man, too."

"You seem to have had a large and varied experience, Mr. Gibson," observed my companion. "No wonder you don't hunger for more! Now I have only met one lunatic in the whole course of my life, and she was rather uninteresting—only fancied that she was Mary Queen of Scots! She didn't go about embracing people or anything nice like that."

"I sincerely trusted that Miss Goodwin would prove to be an amiable if uninteresting lunatic, and I looked to see if she had an unobtrusive sort of expression. Her eyes were fixed on her plate, but I fancied I detected a slight frown on her white forehead. What was the cause? Could it be that she disliked my friendliness to Miss Maynard? Lunatics were always jealous."

"I felt that I was indulging in foolish and conceited thoughts. Why should any one, however unaccountable for her actions, fall in love with me of all people? It was not likely, certainly; on the other hand, it was just possible. At school they used to call me 'Pretty Jack,' and I was really rather proud of my figure in those days. 'Im too fat now. I tell you that it

was a most dejected young man who paced the deck in the moonlight by the side of Miss Louise Maynard, under the eyes of the red-haired girl and her nervous companion, to say nothing of some indignant and jealous young lieutenants who had to put up with a couple of rather plain girls between them. Girls were unusually scarce on this particular voyage.

"At last the ladies went below, and I sat down to enjoy a peaceful smoke unseen by those watchful gray eyes. A major—from a volunteer regiment—seated himself beside me and we began to talk.

"By the way," he remarked presently; "who is that girl with the red hair? I heard that she was a Miss Goodwin, or Godwin, or some such name, and that she is a little bit off"—and he tapped his head significantly.

"I heard the same thing," I replied. "It isn't a pleasant prospect, is it? Somehow, I don't like people of that sort."

"Neither do I," he replied, "though they say there's a strain of insanity in every one. Personally I prefer the uncertified kind, though. Well, it's a pity, for she's a remarkably pretty girl—by far the prettiest on board. By-the-by, you seem to be going in for the next best pretty extensively—I mean Miss Maynard. You're a lucky fellow; all the boys are fearfully jealous, and I'm not altogether sure that I'm not too. Ha, ha! Well, stick to her, my boy, that's all! I'll wish you "Good night" now"—and he rose and left me.

"The next morning I was up early, but upon reaching the deck I found that some one else was there before me. Miss Goodwin, without her attendant, was already seated there. She looked up as I passed and smiled.

"Good morning," she said, "you and I are early risers!" "I raised my hat.

"Yes," I answered—"I always enjoy the early morning at sea. It's so fresh and healthy."

"Just what I think! But poor Miss Price—that's my companion—is so susceptible to sea-sickness."

"Here I was with an unattended lunatic! Worse and worse!

"I am sorry," I said, with genuine feeling in my voice. "I—I hope she'll soon be all right again!"

"But the girl shook her head.

"Oh, no," she replied, "she's always sick for a week at least! Once she was in her berth for more than a

WORK FOR US. If you will get subscriptions for Vick's Family Magazine, we will allow you to keep one-half of all money collected. Those who are taking subscriptions find the work easy. We will furnish extra copies to use as samples, also subscription blanks. You can earn several dollars right around home. Begin at once and see how easy it is. We also want agents for our clubbing offers; write for terms.

FREE We give Watches, Air Guns, Cameras, solid gold and silver plated Bracelets and many other valuable premiums for **New Era Gold Eye Needles** at 5 cts. a package. They are the best needles made and **SELL ON SIGHT.** With every 2 packages we give free a Silver Aluminum Thimble. **SEND NO MONEY** with order, just your name and address (letter or postal) ordering 2 dozen needle packages and 1 dozen thimbles. We send them at once, postpaid, with When sold send us the \$1.20 **Large Premium List.** collected and we will send your choice of premium. **WRITE AT ONCE and GET EXTRA PRESENT.** **GLOBE NOVELTY CO., BOX 801 ERIE, PA.**

\$75,000.00 IN CASH GIVEN AWAY.

FREE To arouse interest in, and to advertise the **GREAT ST. LOUIS WORLD'S FAIR,** this enormous sum will be distributed. Full information will be sent you absolutely free. Just send your name and address on a postal card and we will send you full particulars. Address, **WORLD'S FAIR CONTEST CO., St. Louis.**

THIS BEAUTIFUL RING FREE!

Set with three Sapphires, entirely surrounded with 14 bright sparkling in. **DIAMONDS.** This is positively the most beautiful and valuable Ring ever given and can be had without costing you one cent, by selling only four of our large beautiful pictures at 25 cents. We send the pictures at once, all different, printed in 10 to 17 different colors; suitable for framing. They sell on sight and the first four you meet will take them to help you win the ring. **Send No Money in Advance.** We trust you with the pictures until sold. You can also earn a **WATCH, CAMERA, AIR GUN, etc.,** if you do not care for ring. Our beautiful premiums please everybody. We have something for each and all. Write today, we send the pictures at once. **M. V. F. CO., Jackson St., Topeka, Kans.**

HOME MANUFACTURING

Made Easy. White Rose Cream is an elegant toilet preparation, a good one to start with, costs a half cent to make a 3-oz. bottle, sells readily at 25c. Agents sell 10 to 20 bottles a day; anyone can make it. Send 10c for 100 labels printed in two colors, formula for making the Cream, also our label catalogue and sample copy of **Mixie's Guide**, and a lot of valuable information how to start manufacturing Patent Medicines, Perfumes, Soaps, Toilet Articles, Flavoring Extracts and many other household supplies, how to make your own goods and employ agents; how any one can get labels, etc. on 30 days time; how to advertise and work up sales for your goods. Send for our free literature. Address, **J. M. THORNER CO., Fort Madison, Iowa.**

COSTS YOU NOTHING

LADIES & GENTS SIZE

FREE

YOU CAN GET

a handsome Gold Laid, Hunt in Ring Case, stem wind and stem set **WATCH**, together with a chain and charm, also a beautiful Venezuelan Diamond Ring, perfect in cut and lustre, for selling our remedy. Our watches are elegantly engraved, equal in appearance to a \$25. watch and fully guaranteed for years. Our 90-day proposition which is apart from the above. Send us your name and address (no money) we send you 4 boxes of Dr. Thompson's Couch Tablets, sell them at 25c. per box, send us the \$1. received and we will send you a handsome Watch-Chain and Charm, also Gold Plated Venezuelan Diamond Ring. Greatest offer ever; selling only \$1.00 worth of goods. **Golden Remedy Co., Dept. V.M. Newark, N.J.**

WANTED IN EVERY TOWN, LADY AGENTS

to take orders for Corsets, Ladies', Misses and Children's Waists, also **Sahlin Perfect Form and Corset Combines, Corset Combined.** Big profits. Full line. Goods thoroughly advertised, therefore, orders are certain. Write for catalogue today. **WOMAN'S APPAREL SUPPLY CO., 43-47 Fulton St., Dept. "J.J." Chicago, Ill.**

UNDER WHAT STAR WERE YOU BORN?

Oriental astrology proves that the planets govern your life as the moon rules the tides. My readings guide you in matters of love, marriage, business, etc. I never reveal names or secrets entrusted to me. Satisfaction or money refunded. Send date of birth and 10c. for copy of my book on "Astrology" and I will give you a free reading of your life and descriptive photo of "who you should marry."

PROF. Y. POSTEL, Lansdowne, Pa.



Don't Be Too Fat

Don't ruin your stomach with a lot of useless drugs and patent medicines. Send to Prof. F. J. Kellogg, 1427 W. Main St., Battle Creek, Michigan, for a free trial package of a treatment that will reduce your weight to normal without diet or drugs. The treatment is perfectly safe, natural and scientific. It takes off the big stomach, gives the heart freedom, enables the lungs to expand naturally, and you will feel a hundred times better the first day you try this wonderful home treatment.

BIG BRASS BAND OFFER.

WE SELL THE CELEBRATED DUPONT AND MARCEAU INSTRUMENTS at about one-half the price others charge for inferior goods. FOR SPECIAL OFFER and inside prices on everything in Band Instruments, Supplies, etc., Big Bargains in Cornets, Drums, etc., write for Free Catalogue of Brass Band Instruments. SEARS, ROEBUCK & CO., CHICAGO.

This ELEGANT Watch \$3.75
Before you buy a watch out and send us with your name and address, and we will send you by express for examination a handsome WATCH AND CHAIN C. O. D. \$3.75. Double hunting case beautifully engraved, stem wind and stem set, fitted with richly jeweled movement and guaranteed a correct timekeeper; with long Gold plated chain for Ladies or vest chain for Gents. If you consider it equal to any \$85.00 GOLD FILLED WATCH Warranted 20 YEARS pay the express agent \$3.75 and it is yours. Our 20 year guarantee sent with each watch. Mention (If you want Gents' or Ladies' size. Address H. FABER & CO., E 54, 23 Quincy St., CHICAGO.

FREE Pocket Dictionary, or a Book containing a splendid collection of the best games, if you send 10c. for sample box Wizard Ink Tablets, (produce full half pint Best Ink.) Circular free. EDWARDSVILLE ADV. CO., Edwardsville, Illinois.

BE A PROOFREADER.

Work refined, private, and educative. Women receive same salaries as men, \$15 to \$35 a week. Proofreaders always in demand. Send for free booklet, "PRACTICAL PROOFREADING"; tells how. NATIONAL PROOFREADERS' ASSOCIATION, The Baldwin, No. 15, Indianapolis, Ind.

CURIOS Wholesale and retail, Bead Work, Elk Teeth, Arrow Heads, Indian Baskets, Minerals, etc.
L. W. STILWELL,
DEADWOOD, SOUTH DAKOTA,
40 pp. price list. .05 Stamps.

GALL STONES AND THEIR CURE. Book explaining sample treatment sent free to any address. REA BROS. & CO., Department 2 Minneapolis, Minn.

916 CARDS NEW Sample Styles ENVELOPE, Silk Fringe 20 New Songs, 100 Rich and Racy Jokes, 1 Pack Fun Cards, 1 Escort, and 1 Acquaintance Cards, Standard Bean Catcher, &c. All for 2 Cents. CROWN CARD CO., B27, Columbus, Ohio.

POSTAGE STAMPS.

About 5,000 varieties at 50 per cent below catalogue. Old stamps and collections bought. Write to A. J. KOENS, Norristown, Pa.

100 White Envelopes, neatly printed. 20c post-paid. D. BERLIN CO., W. Berlin, N. J.

Increase Your Income. \$10 weekly. Stamp brings full instructions. I. Petite, Sayre, Pa., Box 423.

We sell High Grade Photo-Jewelry. Send for catalogue and sample Button. Liberal terms to agents. Photos copied. Doz. miniatures 25 cents. STAR STUDIO, 2423 Prairie Av., Chicago, Illinois.

ENDLESS LINK BOX OF 50 10-CENT CIGARS FREE.
Send us your name and address to-day, and we will send you a 10c coupon free of charge. This coupon will explain to you how to get a box of 50 choice 10c cigars or \$2.50 in cash fees. Is not this worth the little time that it takes to send us your name and address? Think of it, \$5.00 in Cigars absolutely Free. We do this to quickly introduce our Cigars into new localities. These Cigars are unequalled in their delightful smoking qualities and in their exquisite aroma. They make a cool and cooling smoke. Write for Free coupon to-day. ENDLESS LINK CIGAR CO., Inc., Dept. B, MILWAUKEE, WIS.

fortnight. Have you noticed what a few girls there are on board?"

"Yes—only five. That's the breakfast bell, I think. Are you hungry? I am."

"Very. I wonder how poor Miss Price feels when she hears that bell! I've never suffered in that way, so I can't tell."

"On reaching the saloon, I found a place for her by the Major's side, and, seeing a vacant chair next to Miss Maynard, subsided into it. Miss Maynard received me warmly, but as the eye-glass Captain on her right hand claimed a good deal of her attention I had time to study the Major's face which was a curious mixture of perplexity, amusement, and admiration."

On catching my eye he winked solemnly, and paused in the midst of his breakfast to stroke his forehead in a suggestive way and shrug his shoulders.

"What did he mean?"

"After breakfast, when I was enjoying a solitary smoke and a novel on deck, the Major joined me."

"Well," he exclaimed, as he seated himself in a deck chair beside me, "all I can say is this—if she's crazy I like 'em so!"

"I gazed at him in surprise. He was evidently excited, and there was a light in his eyes. I could not agree with him, so smoked on calmly, watching the clear green water as, flecked with snowy white, it fell away from the ship's bows. Some way off Miss Goodwin was seated—all in white this morning—white pique coat and skirt, white shoes, white hat, white parasol; she had a book in her hand, but was not reading; her eyes were fixed on the waves with a dreamy expression in them, and from time to time she smiled a little. The Major was also looking at her."

"Did you ever see such a complexion!" he exclaimed at length. "And what eyes—they seem to look right into you and know all your thoughts!" I sincerely hoped not. "And that shade of hair was always my favorite. By George, my boy, I must go over and talk to her: lunatic or no! Will you come?"

"Thanks, no," I replied, "I won't spoil sport!"

"The Major laughed gaily. He was a handsome and striking-looking man of about fifty, his gray hair giving him a distinguished and veteran-like appearance—in short, he was just the sort of man to take a girl's fancy. So I smoked on and watched them as they enjoyed an uninterrupted conversation."

"Later in the day Miss Goodwin came and stood by me as I leaned against the taffrail."

"You are looking pensive," she remarked. "A penny for your thoughts!"

"How can they be of anything but you, Miss Goodwin?" I replied, trying to be gallant. "By the way, is your name Godwin or Goodwin?"

"Goodwin!" she replied.

"I—I was only wondering; I didn't quite catch it," I murmured. It was Hammond's mistake, then.

"Isn't Major Seely a nice man," she said presently, "and handsome—don't you think so?"

"Somehow I felt unaccountably injured."

"Y—yes," I answered, very! And isn't Miss Maynard a pretty girl?"

"S—sh! Here she comes! Do you know, I think that's going to be a case, don't you?"

"Louise Maynard was passing, the Captain at her side; they were engaged in animated conversation, and there was a tender look in his eyes, while her face was somewhat flushed."

"If you say so," he was saying, "you know—"

"I laughed."

"Yes, it looks like it," I said, "These aboard-ship flirtations are very amusing to watch. Sometimes they end in a quarrel, sometimes in a wedding, sometimes in—smoke! Generally the last, I fancy!"

One meets curious people on board," she said. "I have been to Europe three times and this is my second Pacific trip—so I've had plenty of experience, you see."

"Until she said that I had forgotten who or what she was, but now I remembered, and a feeling of regret passed over me—she was so nice and so pretty! What a pity that she was insane!"

"Several days passed, and at last Miss Price was able to make her appearance amongst us once more. She looked paler and more nervous than ever, but also more determined not to let her charge out of her sight. I hardly knew whether to be glad or sorry for this. Though it was in a way a relief, I was also obliged to confess that, whereas I could enjoy a conversation alone with Miss Goodwin, Miss Price's presence somehow made me nervous. The Major confided to me that he felt the same. As for the other passengers, they rigidly held aloof, all except Miss Maynard, who was, however, so absorbed in the Captain that she had but little time to spare for anybody else. A couple of young lieutenants—conceited young cubs they were, too—paid Miss Goodwin attention at first, but speedily fell away—evidently she had bestowed a little snubbing upon them, and they deserved it. At all events, I heard them agreeing that 'that red-haired girl' was confoundedly stuck up!"

(Concluded in January number.)

CATARRH CAN BE CURED.

Catarrh is a kindred ailment of consumption, long considered incurable; and yet there is one remedy that will positively cure catarrh in any of its stages. For many years this remedy was used by the late Dr. Stevens, a widely noted authority on all diseases of the throat and lungs. Having tested its wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, and desiring to relieve human suffering, I will send free of charge to all sufferers from Catarrh, Asthma, Consumption, and nervous diseases, this recipe, in German, French or English, with full directions for preparing and using. Sent by mail by addressing, with stamp, naming this paper. W. A. Noyes, 847 Powers Block, Rochester, N. Y.

"INCURABLE" HEART DISEASE SOON CURED.

Franklin Miles, M. D., LL. B., Will Send \$4.00 Worth of His Specially Prescribed Treatment Free to Afflicted Readers.

To demonstrate the unusual curative powers of his New Special Treatment for diseases of the heart, nerves, stomach or dropsy, Dr. Miles will send, free, to any afflicted person, \$4.00 worth of his new treatment.

It is the result of twenty-five years of careful study, extensive research, and remarkable experience in treating thousands of heart, stomach and nervous diseases, which so often complicate each case. So certain are the results of his New Treatment that he does not hesitate to give all patients a trial free.

Few physicians have such confidence in their skill. Few physicians so thoroughly deserve the confidence of their patients, as no false inducements are ever held out. The Doctor's private practice is so extensive as to require the aid of forty associates. His offices are always open to visitors.

Col. N. G. Parker, ex-treasurer of South Carolina, says, "I believe Dr. Miles to be an attentive and skillful physician, in a field which requires the best qualities of head and heart." The late Prof. J. S. Jewell, M. D., editor of the Journal of Nervous and Mental Diseases, of Chicago, wrote, "By all means publish your surprising results."

Hundreds of "Incurable Cases" cured. Mrs. Frank Smith, of Chicago, was cured of heart dropsy after five leading physicians had given her up. Hon. C. M. Buck, banker, of Fairbault, Minn., writes: "I had broken completely down. My head, heart, stomach and nerves had troubled me greatly for years. Feared I would never recover, but Dr. Miles' Special Treatment cured me after six eminent physicians of Chicago and elsewhere had completely failed." Mrs. P. Countryman of Pontiac, Ill., says: "Several years ago, when I sent to Dr. Miles for treatment, three physicians said I could not live two weeks. I could not walk six feet; now I do all my work." 1000 references to, and testimonials from Bishops, Clergymen, Bankers, Farmers, and their wives will be sent free. These include many who have been cured after from 5 to 30 physicians have pronounced them incurable.

For free treatment, address, Dr. Franklin Miles, 523 to 528 Main Street, Elkhart, Ind. Mention VICK'S FAMILY MAGAZINE.

FARM PAPER FREE Send ten cents to pay cost of mailing, and we will send the Valley Farmer on trial a whole year free. Regular price 50c. Filled with western stories. VALLEY FARMER, 89 Washington Street, Chicago.

AGENTS \$4 to \$8 daily cleared. 9 best agent's sellers out. \$2.85 outfit free. Virgil Taylor Mfg. Co., Towanda, Pa.

WE PAY \$20 A WEEK AND EXPENSES

to men with rigs to introduce our Poultry Food and Insect Powder. Send stamps. Flower City Plant Food Co., Dept. 55, Rochester, N. Y.

THE "BEST" LIGHT is a portable 100 candle power light, costing only 50c per week. Makes and burns its own gas. Brighter than electricity or acetylene, and cheaper than kerosene. No Dirt. No Grease. No Odor. Over 100 styles. Lighted instantly with a match. Every lamp warranted. Agents Wanted Everywhere. THE BEST LIGHT CO., 133 E. 5th St., Canton, Ohio.

FREE! FREE! FREE!

If you will send us your name and address and 2 one-cent stamps, we will send you a copy of the great book called "How I made my millions." The book is written by a great capitalist. This offer is made only to advertise our goods. O. J. FITCH, Astoria, Oregon.

WOMEN TO DO SEWING Binding Specialties. \$4 an hour. Material sent free prepaid. Send addressed reply envelope for full particulars. Universal Co., Dept., 5 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

AGENTS Our Brand New Remedy is the greatest seller at present on the market, a money maker without a rival, for terms, add. Salviac Specific Co., 417 P. Mason St., San Francisco, Cal.

Solid Copper Fern Dish length with chain 19 inches. Made in largest British manufactory and guaranteed; very artistic. Price delivered with chain 75c, without chain 60c. F. E. Watts & Co., Dept. V, 41 W. 24th St., New York.

WONDERFUL PIANO OFFER.



THE CELEBRATED
BECKWITH PIANO
CO. 5 PIANOS AT
\$89.00
\$115.00
\$138.00
AND
\$165.00

For the most liberal offer ever made, by which we place one of these pianos in any home in the United States on trial, write for our special piano catalogue.

THIS PIANO \$115.00.
SEARS, ROEBUCK & CO., CHICAGO, ILL.



GOLD RINGS FREE!

Magnificent rings set with Pearls, Rubies, Garnets, Amethysts, Emeralds and Brilliants, also Plain and Engraved Band Rings. The outside layer on band of every ring is **SOLID GOLD**. You can have your choice for selling only 12 pieces Stylish Jewelry at 10 cents each and sending us the \$1.20 when sold. Unsold goods can be returned. As a holiday inducement we give you two rings. Usually we give but one.

DUCHESS MFG CO., POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y.

WHAT IS HOME WITHOUT MUSIC!

Send 10c. for 3 pieces of Music, Full Size, Large Print.

I have in stock a large quantity of Standard and Popular Music. I want the CASH. You or your friends want the music. To get your order I have started a sort of "Grab Bag." First come, first served. An unequalled opportunity to buy quantities of music at an unheard of price. Send stamp for catalogue. **RICHARD A. SAALFIELD, 1123 Broadway, N. Y. City.**

Bargains in Magazines.

The oldest Subscription Agency in the United States offers exceptional inducements to the readers of this Magazine.

We Will Send for One Year

Vick's Magazine.....	.50	} Both for	\$1.50
House Beautiful.....	2.00		
Vick's Magazine.....	.50	} Both for	55c.
Farmers Call.....	.50		
Vick's Magazine.....	.50	} Both for	75c.
Youth.....	1.00		
Vick's Magazine.....	.50	} Both for	\$1.25
Little Chronicle.....	1.50		
Vick's Magazine.....	.50	} Both for	\$1.25
Birds and Nature.....	1.50		
Vick's Magazine.....	.50	} Both for	75c.
Live Stock Journal....	1.00		
Vick's Magazine.....	.50	} Both for	75c.
Hints.....	1.00		
Vick's Magazine.....	.50	} All For	\$2.00
Everybody's.....	1.00		
Arena.....	2.50		

Hundreds of combinations in our large 96 page catalogue, like the above, suitable for persons in all branches of life. Send for it today, it is free for the asking. Address all orders and remittances to

Kenyon's Subscription Agency
1612 Medinah Building - Chicago, Ill.

Shorthand Typewriting Bookkeeping Taught thoroughly by mail. Prices low. Typewriters furnished. Situations for graduates. **D. V. Strayer's Business College, Baltimore, Md.**

MOTHER'S MEETING.

(Continued from page ten.)

The majority of easily exhausted "delicate" people owe this taint to over ambitious or cruelly overworked mothers. Do not express your love in ruffles and tucks. Be sane, be sweet and sunny. Laugh—even if you laugh over tears, and read cheerful books. The old Greeks were wise and we might imitate them. Their women were surrounded by objects suggesting strength and beauty.

It is always wise to begin early on sewing and doubly so now when you wish to be leisurely. It is also wise to learn how to prevent the illness so common to many. It is a fact that terrible cramping pains are endured in thighs and limbs and the mother becomes despondent and weak from sleeplessness and pain. To cut off a few embroideries would enable her to buy an abdominal bandage to relieve the downward pressure and thus the sharp pains. While past all praise is their excellence in ordinary weaknesses of women their one grand use is for the expectant mother. To relieve a mother is a worthy deed. And let me plainly commend to you the goods made by F. Gorse and Co., Highlandville, Mass., for the purity of material and extra quality of all their manufactures. Elastic hose and knee pieces for those oft dangerous varicose veins which make some mothers so helpless and invalid, resorting to home made clumsy bandages which do more harm by stopping circulation, are made by this concern into soft luxurious comforters—may protectors, for these veins cause serious results as well as render it impossible to get exercises of the right sort. I am glad, too, since some of you may feel the purse too small for luxuries, to claim that they have an added virtue, i. e., low price.

We will in next issue outline some layettes for babies who must not ask too much, and add some dainty ideas for those whose time, ability and purse agree. Whether rich or poor no expectant mother can afford to lose the fine ideas shown in the catalogue issued by the Arnold Knitting Co., makers of Gertrude Suits and other grand helps to better days and better ways for babies.

I recommend the American Mother, Trained Motherhood, Babyhood, and Tokology. The intellectual woman will accumulate a small library along these lines and learn only to marvel at the greatness of the greatest of themes—Motherhood. How self-conceited, how complacent are those who never learn save by necessity! How humble, how pure and earnest an awakened Mother! To her the Christ-child and the Madonna ideals are thrillingly sweet and holy.

"Tears may soothe the wounds that cannot heal." Hints to Mothers:—There are many ways of taking Iron as medicine, but the latest way is to take it in the shape of an ordinary hen's egg, a German method. First of all you feed the hens with a mush containing

carbonate of iron mixed with powdered sugar, and then the eggs which the hens lay as the result of such feeding are found rich in iron. It is said taken in this way iron is more readily absorbed by the system and is not affected by cooking processes so that each individual's tastes may be considered. This would form the ideal eggnog made with Welch's Grape Juice to build up a weak woman, fast growing girl, or delicate children, and a boon for dyspeptics who depend on raw eggs.

If your cellar is damp change it to dryness with a peck of fresh lime in an open box. This will absorb fully seven pounds or three quarts of water from cellar or milk house.

Use borax plentifully if a baby is in the house. It whitens flannels, diapers, blankets. Is equally good to cleanse bottles, nipples, and mouths, and cures baby's sore eyes and mouth.

"Purity in person and in morals is true godliness."

Mothers as Nurses,

The excess of fear based on the newly realized responsibilities, endured by young mothers is pitiful. Colic and its peculiar cry is agonizing to both child and parents. Sympathy and ignorance alternate and much unnecessary trouble is endured. I feel no pity for parents whose gross appetite for articles of which even those in health should eat sparingly allows the mother to enjoy (?) food which would surely cause colic pains in any baby and to dose the screaming mite whom they abuse in its sweet helplessness, by such stuff as "soothing syrups," "paregoric," and the like.

Again and again I witness it. At times I grow cynical as I see such selfish women kiss their babies, "nice and quiet" at the time, from opium, and hear them boast of eating pickles, cabbage, beans, etc., and how they will break baby in to get used to it! Such mothers have merely animal feelings and it seems unwomanly and indelicate to hear a woman—so lauded and loved in her sphere of motherhood—confess to eating what she knows causes pain. Doubtless were anyone to coolly slap that baby till it screamed as hard as in colic she would be furious. Why? The only kindness possible to babies whose mothers care so much for their food is—the bottle. Poor little cuddlers! Is not that soft touch on your breast reward, mother—or do you prefer to munch pickles and walk the floor with baby afterward, feeling abused yourself.

Eumetra Tablets

are an absolute cure for painful menstruation and all forms of female diseases.

Mention VICK'S FAMILY MAGAZINE, and a trial box will be sent you free by mail if you write the Eumetra Pharmaceutical Company, 121, Burns Bldg. Detroit, Mich.

Eumetra tablets give relief immediately, and cure quickly, to stay cured.

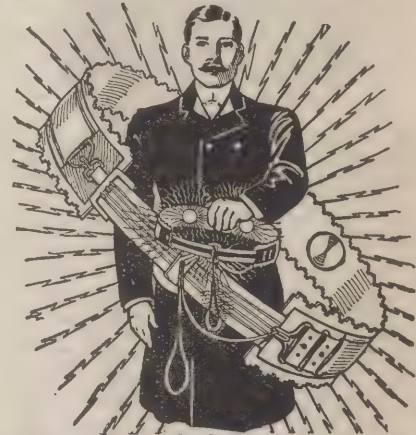
Readers of VICK'S FAMILY MAGAZINE who need such a remedy are specially offered a trial box absolutely free of cost.

No more distress, trouble or torture, if you take Eumetra tablets.

An Electric Belt Free

Send Your Application At Once To The Physician's Institute.

They Will Send You Absolutely Free One of Their 100 Gauge Supreme Electric Belt, the Belt Which Has Made so Many Wonderful Cures—You Needn't Send Even a Postage Stamp, Just Your Name and Address.



Seven years ago the State of Illinois granted to the Physicians' Institute of Chicago a charter. There was need of something above the ordinary method of treatment for chronic diseases, something more than any one specialist or any number of specialists acting independently could do, so the State itself, under the powers granted it by its general laws, gave the power to the Physicians' Institute to furnish to the sick such help as would make them well and strong. Ever since its establishment this Institute has endeavored in every possible way to carry out the original purposes of its establishment under the beneficent laws of the State.

Three years ago, the Physicians' Institute, realizing the value of electricity in the treatment of certain phases of disease, created under the superintendence of its staff of specialists an electric belt, and this belt has been proved to be of great value as a curative agent. From time to time it has been improved until it reached that stage of perfection which warranted its present name of "Supreme."

This belt is the most effective of all agents in the cure of rheumatism, lumbago, lame back, nervous exhaustion, weakened or lost vital functions, varicocele, kidney disorders and many other complaints.

This "Supreme Electric Belt" is made in one grade only—100 gauge—there is no better electric belt made and no better belt can be made. Whenever in the opinion of our staff of specialists the wonderful curative and revitalizing forces of electricity will cure you we send you, free of all cost, one of these Supreme Electric Belts. It is not sent on trial, it is yours to keep forever without the payment of one cent. This generous offer may be withdrawn at any time, so you should write to-day for this free "Supreme Electric Belt" to the Physicians' Institute, at 2352 Masonic Temple, Chicago, Ills.

FREE TO YOU

Send Us 30 Words

Or more of your natural handwriting, and ten cents to cover cost of mailing, etc., and we will guarantee to give you a reading of your character and tell you the vocation you should follow to be most successful. We will also send you, postpaid, a free copy of a handsomely illustrated book, entitled "Secret of Power," which thoroughly explains our famous "Ki-Magi" system of personal influence; gives simple but sure directions for increasing your salary or income; describes secret methods for developing personal magnetism, and tells how to acquire a powerful silent influence over whomever you will. Address **Columbia Scientific Academy, Dept. 137 C, 1931 Broadway, New York.**



WATER DOCTOR WILL TEST URINE FREE.

Send small bottle of your morning urine. I will make analysis and forward opinion of case free. If tired of being experimented upon by physicians who guess at your disease, consult a water doctor. Interesting 68-page book free. Mailing case for urine furnished on receipt of 2c-stamp. **Dr. O. D. Shafer, 167 Garfield Place, Cincinnati, O.**

\$3.75 **\$3.75 BUYS A \$35 WATCH**
 and a handsome Gold watch chain & charm
THIS IS A GENUINE GOLD FILLED WATCH
 in appearance, superbly engraved, double
 hunting case, stem wind and stem set,
HIGH GRADE RUBY JEWELLED WORKS
 which is absolutely guaranteed for
25 YEARS.
 Send this to us and we will send the
 Watch & Chain C.O.D. \$3.75 and express
 charges to examine. If as represented,
 pay \$3.75 & Ex. charges and it is yours.
 Write if you desire Ladies' or Gents' size.
CALUMET WATCH CO., Dept. 114 Chicago


DRESS GOODS FREE



NO MONEY REQUIRED.
LADIES DON'T spend money for a New Dress when you can get one Free. We offer you this grand opportunity of securing absolutely Free 8 yards of Fine Wool Dress Goods, enough for a suit and well worth \$5.00, for selling only a doz. of our NEVER-TEAR Skirt and Waist Supporters at 25 cts. each. The simplest and most successful Supporter ever invented. Every lady that sees them wants one. Can be sold in a few hours. We send them on 30 days FREE TRIAL. A special premium of a Handsome Gold Set Ring for those selling and sending money inside of 21 days. Don't hesitate, but send today for full particulars. Thousands of ladies are being made happy. Address
J. H. BRADNACK & COMPANY,
 DEPT. 9, STATION A, NEW HAVEN, CONN.

Moving Picture
 and other complete Public Exhibition Outfits for \$20.95 to \$146.25. \$5.00 to \$100.00 Per Day (without experience) is being made by hundreds. We furnish complete Outfits, Instruction Book, Advertising matter, big posters, tickets, etc. For full particulars address **SEARS, ROEBUCK & CO., Chicago, Ill.**

\$3.50



DUST PROOF **STEM WIND** **STEM SET**

Most practical, durable and accurate watch made. Heavy five ounce SOLID LUZON SILVER case. Will wear a lifetime. Quick train, jeweled, nickel American movement; guaranteed for five years. Send us your name, P. O. and express office and we will send you by express for you to examine, BEFORE YOU PAY ONE CENT. When you find it to be exactly as described and better value than other firms ask from \$6.00 to \$8.00 for, pay express agent our special price, \$3.50 and express charges for the watch and beautiful gold plated vest chain. This watch is three times more valuable than Silverine and equal in purpose to COIN SILVER. Best watch made for mechanics, railway men, laborers, farmers, boys, and those needing a non-destructible watch. Order today. (Allen & Co. are reliable)—Editor.

ALLEN & CO., Jewelers,
 Dept. 125, 815 Dearborn Street, Chicago, Ill.

STERLING SILVER THIMBLE
 20 CENTS POSTPAID.



Any size 5 to 12. Our 92 Page Catalogue of Watches and Christmas Gifts. Free if you mention Vick's.
Ridgway & Co.
 Mfg. Jewelers 165 Dearborn Street, Chicago.

DON'T BE SO THIN.
FREE REMEDY.
 Many ladies and gentlemen who cannot complain of any kind of sickness, are abnormally thin and cannot find any medical treatment which will correct this condition. Dr. Whitney's Nerve and Flesh Builder is not alone intended for those who are sick, but also for those who appear well and hearty, but cannot acquire sufficient flesh to round out the form. In dyspepsia, indigestion, all stomach troubles, debility and nervous diseases, no remedy is so prompt and powerful. In order to demonstrate the wonderful merits of Dr. Whitney's Nerve and Flesh Builder, every person who will address the B. U. Jones Co., Elmira, N. Y., will receive a large trial package in plain sealed wrapper absolutely free. Tablet No. 8 is an unflattering but developer for ladies. Price \$2. No samples furnished, as it costs too much to make.

SOMNO PERFUME the new aromatic odor in tablet form is made after a Turkish formula, and as it contains the active principle of the poppy flower, its delicate fragrance often produces pleasant sleep when everything else fails. Simply place the tablet under your pillow. An exquisite perfume for wardrobe use. We send one for 10 cents. **GEORGE SPECIALTY CO., 130 N. Montello St., Brockton, Mass.**

THE BRIGHT EYED CIRCLE.
 (Continued from page eleven)
 mas she gave to Amelia some queer sewing, for sewing hour beside Motherdie's chair was one of Amelia's pleasures. There were endless small bags of thin colored stuff to make, but as her mother talked of those who feared winter for its cruel cold, of how hard it is to be poor and sick, and of why Jesus chose to come to the world a poor not a rich baby, Amelia began to think. As she looked upon the glowing grate-fire, and into the conservatory, and listened to her pet birdies sing, a new sense of comfort came to her. She dropped her sewing to say "O, Motherdie, how different we are—the Stevensens and us! Why Sarah hasn't one nice thing of her own. All they have is just what they must have."

"You forget the parrot, dearie, that is the family pet."
 "Oh yes! dear old Folly. They call him that because he is full of tricks. How wise he is, and Motherdie, can't we get such a bird for we have such a good place for one."
 "You saw the sign then? Ah! Amelia I felt sure it was hard for poor Sarah to nail up the sign, "Trained Parrot for Sale." So I asked her mother up for a few days work and after awhile she cried so bitterly. Yes, we are so different! Think of being barefooted in December."
 "Motherdie, shall we buy Folly?"
 "Yes, dear, but only to keep him for a time. It is too cold in their house. Amelia, I think Santa Claus and all his fairies should help the Stevensens this Christmas."

A few days later there was a great "social evening" at Mrs. Benedict's home. Everyone was surprised to see Folly on a perch in the library, grave and wise as ever. Near him sat Mrs. Benedict in her chair, and soon everyone was discussing Mrs. Benedict's plan for playing "Christmas Fairies." After much excited talk everyone said "Goodnight," and left with one of those queer little bags which Amelia had made.

"If God would give me a new back I guess it would be a good Christmas present," sighed Sarah as she tucked all those wiggling children in one bed (quilts were few) and returned to wash dishes and tidy the rooms, or to run in and wait on mamma who shed some sad tears over those stockings she was darning but—not filling.

"Do you 'spose Santa Claus'll come?"
 "Betcher life he will," chirped Sammie, aged five.
 "Hush," said Chester sleepily, "I don't b'lieve in no fairies."
 It was the saddest night of her life thought Sarah. How cold the rooms were! Good thing Folly was sold to a warm home; but oh! to sell Folly for shoes and underclothes! And daddy would come home—drunk. Sarah cried and cried and fell half asleep. The clock struck twelve but she did not hear, nor the mother who sat sleeping over the unfinished darning.

"Merry, Merry Christmas," came a singing chorus of voices. Was she dreaming? See there surely stood Santa Claus, and see those queer fairy shapes and what are those bags they are tossing around? There—just see that one with a gay housedress going to the half roused mother's side and laying it down! Just see those stockings filled and hung! And there's a sled! Whyee! a Christmas tree! How they capered and worked and shouted and ran away leaving Sarah and her mother staring, laughing, crying, and all the children danced in screaming with glee, and again Santa Claus appeared bringing—Daddy, sober, and on his arm a basket.

And next day there came a wonderful new baby to the Stevens home. A sweet faced woman kissed it, and a woman was working in the kitchen and Sarah sat in her nice new dress and shoes near the bedside and heard her mother's voice say faintly, "O Mrs. Benedict, God bless those Christmas fairies."
 Now what do you think was in those bags. Well, in some there were candies but in all was money, a fairy gift, rained, thrown in, to be hunted for by all the little Stevensens. But, in one, was a letter, such a letter! It was for Daddy, and as he read it tears rolled down his cheeks; but it gave work and a new chance to daddy and there were no more sad Christmas Eves for Sarah.

Smiles for Holidays.
 A visitor noticing the prompt replies given at a country school examination, suspected they were ready prepared. So he resolved to ask a few himself and addressed a small girl thus: "Where is Turkey, my dear?"
 The child looked startled but suddenly brightened. She piped her answer shrilly, "In the back yard with the chickens, sir."
 The question of the day—What date is it?
 A mocking bird—A parrot.
 A buy word—Money.
 A sea urchin—The buoy.
 A crow is never angry without caws.
 A call to arms—"Come, take the baby."
 A great wag—A dog's tail.
 Guilt frames—Prison windows.
 A nap-sack—A pillow.
 A fancier's horse may be called his hobby-horse.

A New Invention.
 We do not hesitate to call the attention of our readers to the advertisement of the Allen Manufacturing Company, of Toledo, Ohio, which will be found on page 14. Allen's Fountain Bath Brush is not only a unique, but a most practical and useful device. This invention was conceived in the mind of a genius, and born in the interest of economy, convenience, and cleanliness, the only wonder is that it was not discovered one hundred years ago.

Get Ahead.
 If you want to be a teacher, book-keeper or clerk or fit yourself for a good paying position, write for our educational circular and learn how you can do it without money. Address—
VICK PUBLISHING Co.,
 Rochester, N. Y.



Kentia, Phoenix, Arecia, Boston Fern, Asparagus
An Appropriate Xmas Present
Five Beautiful Plants for \$1, or any two for 50c. sent prepaid to any address in the U. S. 3 Palms 12 to 24 ins. high; 1 Fern 18 in.; 1 Asparagus 18 in. These are not small plants such as are usually sent out by mail but are fine specimens just like the cut and worth double the price we ask. We make this special low price on condition that each person ordering will send names of two persons that are lovers of flowers. To these and purchasers our 1903 catalogue will be mailed. Our specialty is choice house and other plants.
Wagner Park Conservatories, Sidney, Ohio.

Ladies' Mackintosh FREE



Simply send us your name, not one cent of money, we will send you twenty-four "The Best" skirt supporters. Hold the skirt up—the waist down. Nothing to sew on. Gives the stunning "dip effect" to stout or slim women. You can sell the supporters in an hour's time among your friends at twenty-five cents apiece. Send us the money collected and we will send you the same day this beautiful ladies' double breasted, single cap mackintosh, made from neat brown and black checked, carefully vulcanized, close woven, double texture, mackintosh cloth. Cap is made with inlaid velvet collar, skirt is full width, lined throughout with fancy plaid lining. We also give numerous other valuable and useful presents for introducing "THE BEST" skirt supporter. Write today for free book. **THE SMITH NOVELTY CO., 1105 Broadway, Toledo, Ohio.**

MAGIC LANTERN
 REGULAR \$3.00 OUTFIT WITH ELEGANT PICTURE SLIDES, OR BISQUE DOLL SILK DRESSED. SEND 50 CENTS IN SILVER. DEPT. N. HART. MFG. CO. BRIDGEPORT, CONN.

100 HIDDEN NAME CARDS, Scrap Pictures, Games, etc. Your name on Cards. Also our GRAND BUDGET as follows: Presents of 25 Addresses, 57 Tricks, 20 Rebuses, Valuable Fortune Secrets, 60 Tricks in Magic, 100 Riddles, Book of Love, 100 Cooking Recipes, Secrets for Toilet—How to become beautiful, and Sample Book of Cards. All for 10 cents. **BIRD CARD CO., Box 3, MONTOWESE, CONN.**

Free Offer FOR LADIES.
 Cures every form of Piles, Female Weakness, Displacements, Leucorrhoea, Suppressed or Painful Periods, etc. We have decided to send one grand \$5.00 treatment free to every suffering woman in order to quickly introduce in every city, town and hamlet in the U. S. Address Dr. Mary Lock Co., 1160 Englewood Station, Chicago, Ill. The above offer is genuine. We ask no questions or references of any kind. Every lady who writes, stating she is a sufferer from piles or female weaknesses, or both, will be sent free a full \$5.00 treatment with special letter from the doctor. Write to-day. Remember this is not a patent medicine but a full three-course treatment.

HAVE YOU A DEAR FRIEND WHO IS A Drunkard?
 If so write us and we will send our treatise, **THE LIQUOR HABIT,** its cause, results and cure postpaid free in plain package. Our marvelous remedy is sure, speedy, absolutely harmless, odorless, tasteless, and may be given secretly. Full treatment \$1. Particulars FREE. Correspondence strictly confidential. **VON HOFFS & CO., DEPT. C, 449 E. 58th St., New York City.**

COAL TRUST KILLED! Marvelous discovery: wonderful new fuel; hotter than coal; any stove; burns 30 hrs; no dirt; materials obtained without cost; easily made by any one; agents making fortunes; full information and territory free. **BRADLEY CO., 527 Kenton St., Cincinnati, Ohio.**

FOR CONSTIPATION
DON'T USE DRUGS **THEY DON'T CURE.**
 My method has cured the most aggravated cases. Will cure yours or money cheerfully refunded. Only \$1.
ALEXANDER DAYTON,
 P. O. Box 650, Rochester, N. Y.



EIGHT DOLLARS AND 95 CENTS buys this High Grade, High Arm, Guaranteed, Five-Drawer, Solid Polished, Antique Oak, Drop Head Cabinet SEWING MACHINE, the equal of sewing machines that cost twice the money elsewhere. **\$10.45** for our 5-Drawer, Drop Head Cabinet celebrated New Queen sewing machine. **\$11.95** for the beautiful marquetry decorated EDGEMORE Sewing Machine. **\$12.85** for the standard ballbearing BURDICK SEWING MACHINE. **\$15.20** for the highest grade sewing machine made, OUR MINNESOTA, the equal of regular \$50.00 and \$60.00 agents' machines. These and many other high grade machines, beautifully illustrated and fully described; the parts, mechanism and special features, in our big, new, free sewing machine catalogue. You must write for it. If you mention this paper we will give you the names of a number of your own neighbors to whom we have sold machines, so you can see and examine your neighbors' machines, learn how they are pleased with them and how much money we saved them. We can surely save you \$10.00 to \$20.00 on any kind of a machine on any sewing machine ordered. For free **THREE MONTHS' FREE TRIAL** Sewing Machine Catalogue, the most wonderful price offerings ever made, our liberal terms, pay after received offer and three months' **SEARS, ROEBUCK & CO., CHICAGO.** free trial plan, cut this ad. out and mail to

Our Pattern Department

A Handsome Afternoon Gown.



Fancy Blouse Waist 4212—Double Skirt 4216.

No material makes more satisfactory or more fashionable afternoon gowns than does veiling in its various weaves. The smart model shown is of the sort known as canvas in a pastel shade of sage green and is trimmed with one of the new fancy braids in black and white and combined with twine colored lace over soft white silk.

The quantity of material required for the medium size is, for waist 3 yards 21 inches wide, 2 1/2 yards 32 inches wide or 2 yards 44 inches wide, 1 3/4 yards of all-over lace for yoke, vest, collar and undersleeves; for skirt 8 yards 21 inches wide, 7 yards 27 inches wide, 4 1/2 yards 44 inches wide or 4 1/4 yards 52 inches wide, with 8 1/2 yards 21 or 6 1/2 yards 36 inches wide for the foundation.

The waist pattern 4212 is cut in sizes for a 32, 34, 36, 38 and 40 inch bust measure. The skirt pattern 4216 is cut in sizes for a 22, 24, 26, 28 and 30 inch waist measure.

A Smart Shirt Waist Gown.



Woman's Blouse with "Slot Seam" effect 4217—Seven-Gored "Slot Seam" Skirt 4197.

"Slot Seams" are among the novelties shown in Autumn styles and are singularly effective in the fashionable shirt waist gowns. The very smart costume shown is of canvas etamine in leaf green stitched with black and is worn with a tie and belt of black velvet, but the design suits all pliable wools and silks.

The quantity of material required for the medium size is, for waist 4 yards 21 or 27 inches wide or 3 1/2 yards 32 inches wide or 2 1/2 yards 44 inches wide; for skirt 10 1/2 yards 21 inches wide, 9 1/4 yards 27 inches wide or 5 1/2 yards 44 inches wide.

The waist pattern 4217 is cut in sizes for a 32, 34, 36, 38 and 40 inch bust measure.

The skirt pattern 4197 is cut in sizes for a 22, 24, 26, 28 and 30 inch waist measure.

Voile With Lace.



Box Plaited Blouse 4156—Five Gored Skirt 4124.

Box plaits are essentially smart and are seen in the best and latest imported gowns. This stylish costume of sage green voile combined with twine colored lace over white shows them to exceptional advantage and is to be commended from every point of view. The blouse is new and generally becoming and includes the fashionable sleeves that are full below the elbows, and the popular big round collar. When made from washable fabrics, which it suits to perfection, the lining can be omitted.

The foundation for the blouse is a smoothly fitted lining that closes at the centre front. On it are arranged the plain back, the shield and the box plaited fronts. The back is smooth across the shoulders and drawn down in gathers at the waist line, but the fronts are gathered and droop slightly and becomingly over the belt. The sleeves are box plaited from the shoulders to slightly below the elbows, then fall in soft puffs and are gathered into deep cuffs. The closing is effected invisibly beneath the central plait.

The skirt is cut in five gores, that fit snugly and smoothly, and is laid in an inverted plait at the back. To its lower edge is seamed the flounce that is narrower at the front and wider at the back, and which is laid in a succession of box plaits that fall gracefully to the floor.

The quantity of material required for the medium size is, for blouse 4 yards 21 inches wide, 3 1/2 yards 27 inches wide, 3 1/2 yards 32 inches wide or 2 yards 44 inches wide with 1 3/4 yards of all-over lace for collar, shield and cuffs; for skirt 10 1/4 yards of material 21 inches wide, 8 1/2 yards 27 inches wide, 7 1/2 yards 32 inches wide, 5 1/4 yards 44 inches wide or 5 1/2 yards 52 inches wide.

The waist pattern 4156 is cut in sizes for a 32, 34, 36, 38 and 40 inch bust measure.

The skirt pattern 4124 is cut in sizes for a 22, 24, 26, 28, and 30 inch waist measure.

(Prices on next page.)

Highest Typewriting Possibilities



Available Only to Users

..... OF THE

SMITH PREMIER TYPEWRITER

Known Everywhere. Employed by Governments and Great Corporations which command only the best facilities. Illustrated Catalogue and "Touch" Typewriting Instruction Book Free.....

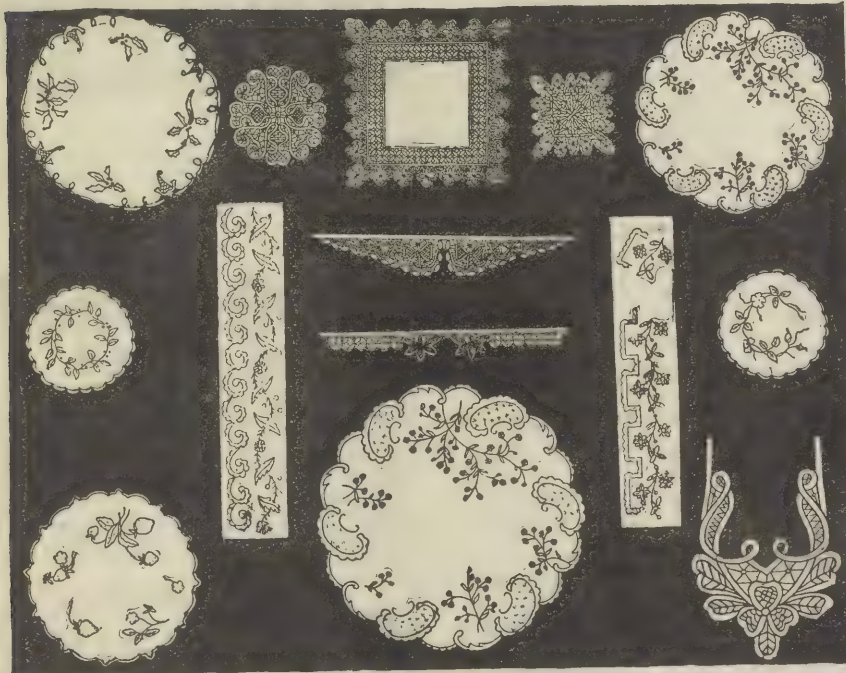
THE SMITH PREMIER TYPEWRITER COMPANY
36 Exchange Street, Rochester, N. Y.

\$40,000

Cash in bank to pay prizes. Send 10 cents for 3 trial numbers of our beautiful family magazine, with full premium list to club-risers. A great variety of useful and expensive household articles may be secured for very little time and trouble. Address at once,

WOMAN'S WORK, ATHENS, GA.

FREE TO EVERY LADY READER



We have arranged with the manufacturers for a large quantity of stamped cambric linen and shall give the entire collection illustrated above to anyone sending us \$1.00 for a three year subscription to VICK'S FAMILY MAGAZINE. This gives everybody a splendid opportunity to present their friends with Christmas remembrances that will be appreciated. Remember the subscription price to VICK'S is to be increased to \$1.00 per year in 1903. Better take advantage of our low rate at once. This premium can not be given unless remittance accompanies order. Price alone postpaid 50 cents.

Fill out the following order blank and return :

VICK PUBLISHING Co., Rochester, N. Y.

Enclosed find \$1.00 for which please credit my subscription to VICK'S FAMILY MAGAZINE for three years and mail to my address postpaid, The Collection of Stamped Linen in accordance with your published offer.

Address.....

(Use Pencil.)

P. O.

County..... State.....

**UP TO DATE PATTERNS.
ALMOST GIVEN AWAY.**



4264 Shirt Waist,
36 to 46 bust.



4269 Blouse or Shirt
Waist, 32 to 40 bust.



4273 Blouse or Shirt
Waist, 32 to 42 bust.



4263 Fancy Waist,
32 to 40 bust.



4266 Girl's Double
Breasted Coat.
2 to 10 years.



4268 Misses' Coat,
12 to 16 years.



4262 Girl's Norfolk
Coat, 4 to 12 yrs.



4187 Short Five Gored
Petticoat,
22 to 34 waist.



4280 Girl's Coat
6 to 14 yrs.



4270 Men's Waistcoat,
34 to 44 breast.



4267 "Model," Waist
Lining, 32 to 46 bust.



4278 Misses' Shirt
Waist or Blouse,
10 to 16 yrs.



4276 Girl's Costume,
4 to 12 yrs



4279 Blouse or Shirt
Waist 32 to 40 bust.



4277 Blouse Jacket,
32 to 40 bust.



4265 Walking Skirt,
22 to 30 Waist,

PATTERNS.



4271 Circular Skirt,
22 to 30 waist



4275 Blouse or Shirt
Waist, 32 to 42 bust.



4272 Girl's Night Gown,
2 to 10 years.

SPECIAL OFFER:—For a short time we will mail these patterns to any address for only 10 cents each, if 2 cents additional is enclosed for postage on each pattern. Their regular retail prices range from 25 to 40 cents.

The Patterns are all of the latest New York modes and are unequalled for style, accuracy of fit, simplicity and economy. With each is given full descriptions and directions—quantity of material required, the number and names of the different pieces in the pattern, with a picture of the garment to go by.

PATTERNS FREE:—For the next 60 days we will give two patterns for each yearly subscription you obtain from your friends or neighbors for Vick's Family Magazine at the 50 cent rate, if 2 cents additional is sent for postage on each pattern.

VICK PUBLISHING CO.,
DANVILLE, N. Y. Rochester, N. Y.



4274 Girl's Russian
4 to 12 yrs.

SHOPPING BY MAIL

Send for Catalogue of Dry Goods and Furnishings. Also Illustrated Catalogue of Handkerchiefs. Sent free to any address.

The TAYLOR-WOOLFENDEN CO., Detroit, Mich.



25¢ CARPET OFFER

This is a good, heavy, 36-inch width GRANITE CARPET. New floral design; red, green or wine background with handsome contrasting colors in floral design.

NO BETTER WEARING CARPET MADE.

OUR OFFER: Send us this ad., state whether you wish red, green or wine ground and number of yards wanted, enclose 25 cents per yard, and we will send the carpet to you with the understanding that if you do not find it perfectly satisfactory and about one-half the price charged by dealers in your town, you can return it to us at our expense and we will immediately return your money, together with any freight or express charges paid by you.

BIG CARPET SAMPLES FREE. If you want to see samples before ordering, cut this ad. out and send to us and we will send you at once 36 Color Sample Plates taken from 1/2-yard lengths, also our COMPLETE CARPET CATALOGUE OF EVERYTHING IN BRUSSELS, VELVET, AXMINSTER, ALSO ALL WOOL AND HALF WOOL INGRAINS AND GRANITE CARPETS, ART SQUARES, RUGS, ETC., and all at prices heretofore unknown. The catalogue also explains how all samples are furnished free. Catalogue is free, write for it. Address,

SEARS, ROEBUCK & CO., CHICAGO, ILL.

**BOOK-KEEPING
TAUGHT
FREE**



**Pay No Tuition Until
We Place You in
a Paying Position.**

Our Free Book, "How to Succeed in Business" has started hundreds on the road to success. Write for it. It is FREE.

We will enroll a limited number of pupils and teach them bookkeeping and business methods thoroughly, allowing them to pay their tuition after they have completed our course and have been placed by us in a profitable position. Our method excels all others. You can learn quickly at your home without loss of time or money. We guarantee it. We take all the risk. We prepare you and find employment for you before we ask you to pay a cent for your tuition. No other school in the world will do this. No other school has enough confidence in its course to do it. To become an expert bookkeeper is easy under our system. Our course is quickly learned. Our system was originated by an expert accountant who has kept and audited the books of the largest corporations in the world. Our faculty is composed of experienced, practical accountants. They teach you bookkeeping as it is practised in business.

**One Thousand Dollars
in Gold is Yours**

If we do not teach you Bookkeeping free or place you in a paying position. We give to each of our students upon enrolment a personal bond, binding ourselves forever in the sum of ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS, as a guarantee that we will do exactly what we say, and if we fail to do so you can cash in the bond and obtain ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS in GOLD. Please understand that this means that we teach you Bookkeeping absolutely free, provided that we did not get you a paying position, so that you can pay your tuition out of your earnings.

**The Largest Employment
Bureau in the World!**

We have more than 500 persons throughout the United States whose business it is to find positions for our graduates and WE WILL GLADLY PAY ANY ONE A GOOD SALARY FOR HELPING US PLACE OUR GRADUATES IN PERMANENT POSITIONS.

We are the only school paying out money for advertising in order to secure pupils, and when you enroll with us you become certain of securing a position or you will have to pay absolutely not a cent for tuition.

"How to Succeed in Business"

is the title of an extensive treatise on bookkeeping and business. It explains the best system of keeping accounts in the world. It tells you how to make more money and better your position in life. It is just the book for beginners; yet it contains information of value to experts. It is sent to you absolutely free if you are interested. Do not write unless you wish to better your position and increase your opportunities. If you are in earnest, if you would like to obtain a paying position as bookkeeper or wish to learn a perfect system which will enable you to earn a better salary, provided you could pay your tuition after the position has been actually secured for you by us, the sooner you write the better. For full information and free book address,

Commercial Correspondence Schools, 19 C. C. S. Buildings, Rochester, N. Y.

\$22 A WEEK and all expenses for men with rigs to introduce poultry compound. Straight salary. IMPERIAL MFG. CO., Dept. 30, PARSONS, KANS.

MAGIC Learn to entertain with SLEIGHT OF HAND Our book on Parlor Magic illustrated tells you how. Sent postpaid for 10c. AUGUST SALES & CO., Dept. C, 12 and 14 State St., Chicago.

LEARN PROOFREADING. If you possess a fair education, why not utilize it at a genteel and uncrowded profession paying \$15 to \$35 weekly? Situations always obtainable. We are the original instructors by mail. HOME CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL, Philadelphia

SONGS CONUNDRUMS JOKES 50 latest copyrighted songs— "Go-Go Eyes," "HONEYMOON" AND THE BIRD, etc., 150 very latest jokes—would make a tombstone laugh— 100 new conundrums. All the lot to introduce our goods, 10c, stamps or silver. H. H. McDaniel • • New Brighton, Pa.

Seasonable Suggestions.

(Continued from page five.)

doping them with liquid manure, plant food and water. If so, desist, for your course of treatment is harming them, and will do them no good. Why? Because December and January are unlucky months for most plants, because they are getting over the shock of moving into the house, and want to sulk awhile before taking kindly to their new surroundings. Because those that are not getting over the shock or sulking, are undoubtedly taking a rest, preparatory to the work that is before them. During February and March they intend to surprise you with many choice blossoms, if you do not discourage them in the meantime.

No matter what the cause of a plant's indisposition may be, if it is at a standstill and does not grow, it should not be over-watered, and no food should be given at all. Put this in your garden note book, and remember it. Resting plants should be left more or less alone. Of course, they should receive occasional attention, but water ought not be given only when the soil is dry. Plant food should be held back until new leaves begin to unfold, but if there are any specimens that are already beginning to reward you with flowers, give them a weekly application of fertilizer and all the water that they need, as indicated by the condition of the soil. Feed the Chinese primroses, and note results in the rich, spicy umbels of flowers and in the large, plush-like leaves.

Also, feed the chrysanthemums. There is little danger of over feeding them. Give liquid manure until after the last flower has faded; then give an additional dose and prepare the plants for a few months' sojourn in the cellar. Cut the tops back nearly to the roots and place the pots where it is cool but frost-proof. Do not let the soil dry out during the winter. In March remove the plants to the living rooms, divide the old roots, after new growth starts, and pot them in three or four-inch receptacles. Every shoot ought to develop into a plant, and you will probably have enough young chrysanthemums to supply your neighbors as well as yourself.

Bulbs planted now will flower along in the spring after the others are gone. If you have neglected to order any at all, do so now, without delay. A winter garden without bulbs is often a flowerless garden. Protection should be applied to out door plants this month before the ground freezes hard enough to harm the roots. It is to be hoped that all of the gardening implements are safely under shelter, and that the garden itself is left in first class condition.

EDITOR'S NOTE.—Mr. Keech, who is one of the most popular floral writers of the day, will conduct this department during 1903.

Kitty Grey.

Old Kitty Grey
Came up missing, one day;
And Louie and Flossie and Little Boy Blue
Looked garret and cellar and all the house
through.
To find the old lady who vanished away
And, by all indications, seemed likely to stay.
"She's probably got a new home," said Miss Lou,
"And maybe she's dead," wailed young Flossie,
"Boo-hoo!"
Poor Kitty Grey,
Once so happy and gay.

Old Kitty Grey
Came back home, one fine day:
And with her came trotting a chubby quartet
Of dear little kittens in white, gray and jet.
Old Kitty Grey had come back home to stay
And she, with her babies, was welcomed, straight-
way.
"You'll observe," said Boy Blue, as he fed the old
pet,
"That Kit, with her family, is quite alive yet,"
And Flo turned away
And had nothing to say.
Benjamin B. Keech.

No Person Should Die

of any kidney disease or be distressed by stomach trouble or tortured and poisoned by constipation. Vernal Saw Palmetto Berry Wine will be sent free and prepaid to any reader of this publication who needs it and writes for it. One dose a day of this remedy does the work and cures perfectly to stay cured. If you care to be cured of indigestion, dyspepsia, flatulence, catarrh of stomach and bowels, constipation, or torpid and congested liver; if you wish to be sure that your kidneys are free from disease and are doing their necessary work thoroughly; if you expect to be free from catarrh, rheumatism and back ache; if you desire a full supply of pure, rich blood, a healthy tissue and a perfect skin, write at once for a free bottle of this remedy and prove for yourself, without expense to you, that these ailments are cured quickly, thoroughly, and permanently with only one dose a day of Vernal Saw Palmetto Berry Wine.

Any reader of Vick's Family Magazine, who needs it may have a trial bottle of Vernal Saw Palmetto Berry Wine sent free and prepaid by writing to Vernal Remedy Company, Buffalo, N. Y. It cures catarrh, indigestion, flatulence, constipation of the bowels and congestion and sluggish condition of liver and kidneys. For inflammation of bladder, and enlargement of prostrate gland it is a reliable specific.

LI HUNG CHANG, China's Greatest Statesman

said: "It is a mistake to suppose that success depends on mental ability. It is all a matter of luck." Remarkable stories are being made public all over the country of the wonderful luck which possessors of the Oriental Lucky Stone are having. The possession of the stone seems to change the period in man's life, and those who have been suffering the miseries of the empty pocketbook and have had the hardest kind of luck because of business depression and illness, make the statement that after procuring one of Captain Rand's lucky stones a change followed at once. These stones are imported from the Island of Ceylon, India, and are known the world over as the true Oriental Lucky Stone. Captain Rand, a number of years ago, was left deserted on this Island, without a friend or a cent of money. An old Hindoo gave him a lucky stone, whereupon his luck changed, and it was but a short time before he had made a fortune.

Captain Rand has in his possession many remarkable and interesting letters from prominent people, including Admiral George Dewey, Admiral Houston and thousands of others, who possess these stones and have derived wonderful benefit from them. Should anyone wish information regarding this wonderful lucky stone you can address Captain W. I. Rand, 175 v Tremont St., Boston, Mass. He will be glad to tell you of his experience and how you can obtain one of these stones.

Write, it will cost you nothing and it may be the means of changing your whole future life, as it has mine.

COL. J. JEROME WELLINGTON.

\$10,000 Donated to Hypnotism

Dr. X. La Motte Sage, a Noted Scientist, Donates \$10,000 to Be Used for the Publication and Free Distribution of a Valuable Work on Personal Magnetism and Hypnotic Influences.

Wants to Demonstrate the Practical Value and Power of This New Science in Business, in Society, in the Home, in Politics, in Love, in Disease and as a Factor in Influencing and Swaying the Minds of People.

Prominent Business and Professional Men, Ministers of the Gospel and Others Heartily Indorse the Movement ---A Noted College Undertakes the Work of Free Distribution.

Any One May Get a Book Absolutely Free so Long as the Edition Lasts and Master the Hidden Mysteries of This Marvelous Power at His Own Home—Many Jealously Guarded Secrets Made Public.

Carnegie is giving away his fortune for libraries. Dr. X. La Motte Sage purposes to put the most useful book in all libraries free of charge right into the homes of the people. For this purpose he has just donated \$10,000, and a big publishing house is busy day and night turning out the books for free distribution. The book Dr. Sage wishes to distribute free of charge is entitled "The Philosophy of Personal Influence." It is heartily endorsed by the ablest business men, ministers, doctors and lawyers of two continents. It is beautifully illustrated with the finest half-tone engravings, and every page is brimful of intensely interesting and practical information. It is a book which should be in every home. It is by far the most remarkable work of the kind that has ever been written, and it has truly created a sensation in the book world.

It explains numerous instances in which people have been secretly and instantaneously controlled by hypnotic influence. It tells you how to learn to protect yourself from the use of hypnotic power over you. It tells you how to learn to develop and use your magnetic power so as to wield a wonderful influence over those with whom you come in contact.

Men like Vanderbilt, Morgan, Rockefeller and other millionaires have studied the very methods explained in this book and have used them in their business to pile up millions. This book lays bare secrets in the lives of rich men of which you have never dreamed. It reveals all the hidden mysteries of personal magnetism, hypnotism, etc. and discloses the real source of power and influence in every walk of life. It contains secret information of inestimable value to every person who wants to succeed in life. Many of the most prominent public men in this country have obtained this book and read every line, and they are daily using its teachings to their own profit and gain.

It tells of a secret, instantaneous method by which you may produce a state of insensibility to pain in any part of the body, so that the teeth may be extracted and surgical operations performed without the use of cocaine, ether or anaesthetics of any kind.

It tells you how to learn to induce sleep in yourself or others at any time of the day or night that you may desire. It tells you of a subtle power by which you can develop your mental faculties, improve your memory, eradicate disagreeable tempers and habits in children, strengthen your will power and rise to a position of prominence in your community. It will truly make you a leader of men.

If you have not achieved the success to which your abilities and talents justly entitle you, if you

would like to secure a good paying position, obtain an increase in salary, if you care to rise higher in your accepted business or calling, if you desire to wield a greater influence over others, if you care to win the love or friendship of some one you know, if you long for fame or renown, you should write for a copy of this remarkable book at once.

The following extracts from a few of the letters received from some of the people who have read the book give an idea of its unusual character and great value:

Mr. T. L. Lindenstruth, 39 East South Street, Wilkesbarre, Pa., says: "Your work on personal magnetism is a fortune to anyone starting in life. It is absolutely sure to bring success."

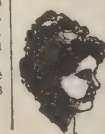
A. J. McGinnis, 60 Ohio Street, Allegheny, Pa., says: "When I wrote for your book I was laboring by the day. Now I am managing a business. This is certainly the best proof that could be offered of its great value. I advise every man who wishes to succeed in life to get a copy at once."

G. S. Lincoln, M. D., 101 Crutchfield Street, Dallas, Texas, writes: "Your methods of personal influence are marvelous. I have used them on my patients with wonderful results."

S. R. King, M. D., Gilliam, Ind., writes: "You have truly sent me the most remarkable book I have ever read. Your instruction in personal magnetism is simply grand. It gives one a power and an influence over others which I did not dream it was possible for the average man to acquire. Your book is worth more than gold to anyone starting in life. Its value cannot be estimated. My only regret is that it was not in my hands when I was a young man."

The New York Institute of Science has undertaken the free distribution of the book referred to. Big roller presses are running day and night to supply the demand until the \$10,000 worth of books are distributed free. On account of the great expense incurred in preparing and printing this book only those are requested to write for free copies who are especially interested and really and truly desire to achieve greater success, obtain more happiness or in some way better their condition in life. Please do not write through mere curiosity, as the free edition is limited. If you want a book write today, as the copies are going very fast. Never before in the history of the publishing business has there been such a great demand for any book as today exists for "The Philosophy of Personal Influence."

Remember, at the present time it will be sent to your address absolutely free, postage prepaid. Address New York Institute of Science, department J B 3, Rochester, N. Y.



ANY LADY suffering with Female Troubles, who will send me the names and addresses of ten women who need treatment, I will send a 40c. box of the famous "Home Treatment Cure" for women free. Address, Mrs. Harriett Hartman, Box 485 R. South Bend, Indiana.



ALL THE LATEST SONGS
SHEET MUSIC of Home of the Girl I Love. The original songs—Honeyuckle and the Bee; Coon, Coon; Fortune-Telling Man; Go 'Way Back and Sit Down; Dolly Gray, AND FIFTY more. Also 42 miniature American stars. All the above to introduce our line, ONLY TEN CENTS. Address, AUGUST SALM & CO., 12-14 STATE ST., CHICAGO, ILL.

BEAUTIFUL CLEAR SKIN.
TRIAL BOX MAILED FREE.



Miss M. McKELVY, of 227 E. 48th St., New York, writes: "I was so embarrassed with blackheads, freckles, and pimples that I would not go into society. I flooded my home with complexion remedies, but my complexion defied them all. I sent for a Package of your Beauty Producer, and in two weeks' time there was no trace of a pimple, blackhead or blotch on my face or neck. My skin is now without blemish or wrinkle anywhere." It is not a face powder, cream, cosmetic, or bleach, and it contains no oil, grease, paste, or poisons of any kind, but is a purely vegetable discovery and leaves the skin clear, soft and velvety. Anyone sending their name and address to Mrs. Josephine LeBlanc, 131 Hall Bldg., St. Louis, Mo., will receive a free package of this wonderful beautifier in a plain sealed wrapper by mail prepaid.

Origin and Customs of Christmas
(Concluded from page four.)

example of Celt and German, Briton and Frank in all the observances that honor the time as the greatest of the year. Even where the religious features of the Day are not observed no one thinks of working. Stores and factories all close, but theatres are open, inviting the over worked and weary to recreation; and while work is suspended and merriment prevails, there is always ample feasting on choicest viands, and more lavish hospitality exchanged than the work-free spirit of the time would seem to warrant.

The Christmas tree seems to have originated with the Teutons. German legend has it that Martin Luther introduced the Christmas tree and its usages. It is said that as he traveled alone over the snow-clad country, he was impressed with the sublimity of the starry heavens above, the white snow beneath and the dark fir trees, bringing forcibly to mind the old Norse fable of the yew-tree binding earth to heaven and hades. Luther, on Christmas night, cut a small fir tree, stood it in the living room, at home, lighted it with candles and with his assembled family, sang the hymn of the Nativity, before distributing the gifts placed upon its boughs. German artists have many famous pictures of Martin Luther in the midst of his family, with a lighted Christmas tree in front of him.

Protestant denominations do not specially celebrate Christmas by religious services, though all have imbibed the spirit of the great reformer, and observe it socially and with good cheer. The Roman Catholics hold it sacred and celebrate it by the performance of three masses, one at midnight, one at daybreak and one in the morning.

Christmas will soon be here. The air is vibrant with the spirit of the day. It steals upon the most callous hearts, and thrills and tingles the sensibilities of the happy hearted, like wine upon the lees. Happily, if the day is traditional, in love and soulful influences, its observances are beneficent to the whole world.

Oyez! Oyez! Oyez! Call the court for Santa Claus. Light the Yule log. Let its light from the hearthstone shine like the Star of Bethlehem, radiating far and wide. Let not the spirit of good will pause nor fold its wings until whole communities are brought into good fellowship and all family and personal animosities are thawed out, hard times made easy and troubles forgotten. We may be getting a bit mixed in metaphor, but, imbued with Bob Crachet's Christmas spirit, with him and tiny Tim we chorus, over and over, for all, a Merry Christmas! Mrs. Drennan.

You can make your friends happy by giving them a year's subscription to Vick's Magazine for Christmas and they will have a pleasant reminder of you every month during the year. Remember, price only 50c now but will be advanced to \$1.00 a year in 1903.

THIS HANDSOME DRESSED DOLL CHAIR AND DOLL'S FOOD FREE



Girls send us your name and address and we will mail you 26 pieces of Art Jewelry to sell at only 10 cents each. No trash. Every one you offer it to will buy one or more pieces. When sold send us the \$2.60 and we will send you at once, by express, this **Handsome Dressed Doll.**

Nearly one and one-half feet in height, imported directly from Europe for us. This doll has a beautiful bisque head, blue eyes, pearly teeth, long natural golden curly ringlets, hat, dainty shoes and stockings that can be taken off, lace trimmed underwear, elegantly and stylishly dressed. A magnificent creature of dollhood, sweet and pretty as a picture, and will be a source of endless pleasure and amusement to the little ones. This illustration is very much smaller than the doll and chair, but it gives an absolutely correct idea of how they look. It is from a photograph just taken

and shows the doll all dressed (just as we give it) and the reclining chair, both of which we give FREE. A drawing could be made so as to look better than the doll itself, but this is direct from the photograph, and

Photographs Tell the Truth. Understand this is no printed cloth or rag doll that has to be made up and stuffed, or a cheap paper doll, such as some concerns give, but a real Dressed Beauty Doll. With doll we also send this handsome Doll's Chair, as illustrated in this advertisement, and which we are confident will please you. In addition we will also give you entirely free and send in the same shipment, with the Doll and Chair, eight pieces of Indestructible Doll's Food; it comes mounted on Iml. China plates two inches in diameter, and we send the following assortment: one plate each of Roast Chicken, Cold Ham, Lobster, Blue Fish, Pickles, Plum Pudding, Grapes and Oranges. The food is colored perfectly natural and we know it will delight you. It is something entirely new and novel and will be wanted by all your playmates as soon as they see it.

Our Patrons are Extremely Well Pleased with Our Premiums as the Following Letters Show.

- Iola B. Mills, Rochester, N. Y., writes: "Doll received this p. m. all right. I think it is lovely. Well paid me for my work."
- Mrs. F. Cousin, Jacoby, La., writes: "Doll received and we are more than delighted with it. It surely surprised my little girl and she is delighted."
- Mrs. Charles Gray, Paines Point, Ill., writes: "Received doll all right yesterday. It was all right; many thanks."
- Rosa Fehrenbach, East Bottoms, Mo., writes: "Received my doll from you and was very much pleased with it. I thank you."
- Mrs. J. W. Hallard, Easton, Pa., writes: "Received doll for selling goods and was very much pleased with it. Will answer any question any one may ask concerning it."
- Lutie Richmond, Harrisburgh, Pa., writes: "I received my doll and was very much pleased with it."
- Katie Livingstone, Yulan, N. Y., writes: "I received the doll Friday all right and it was just as nice as I expected. Thank you kindly for sending it so promptly."
- Miss G. E. Folger, North Foxboro, Mass., writes: "The doll received O. K. and was very much pleased with it. It was perfectly satisfactory and I must thank you for your kindness."
- Mary Welch, Mills, Mass., writes: "I am very much pleased with my doll. My mother would like to know how much you would sell a doll for without selling any goods."
- Francis Colston, Wakefield, R. I., writes: "I received my doll in due time and am very much pleased with her. She is beautiful."
- Elizabeth Hill, Philadelphia, Pa., writes: "I received the doll with great pleasure and it is very nice. Many thanks for promptness in sending it."

\$100 REWARD is hereby offered to any person who can prove that our Testimonial letters are not genuine. We have thousands of similar letters on file. Write today. Address, **STANDARD DOLL CO., P. O. Box 5308, Boston, Mass. Dept. 56**

\$7.45 buys this handsome Overstuffed, Deep Tufted Rococo Full Spring Couch, mounted on a handsome carved oak or mahogany finished frame, covered with extra quality three-tone velour cloth, the newest patterns and colorings. Other new, handsome upholstered couches at \$8.95 to \$20.00. **WONDERFUL VALUES at \$4.90 to \$6.35.**



Complete Bedroom Suites, \$8.95 to \$58.00; wonderful values at \$10.00 to \$18.00. Kitchen Cabinets, \$8.75 and upwards. Sideboards, \$9.95 to \$22.00. Combination Bookcases, \$7.99 to \$15.00. Extension Dining Tables, \$2.95 to \$15.00, with **ASTONISHING VALUES at \$3.50 to \$7.00.** Rich 5-piece Upholstered Parlor Suites, at \$14.95. A big line at \$9.95 to \$25.00.

We will fill your order for anything in furniture with the understanding and agreement that if you do not find the goods perfectly satisfactory and much lower in price than you could buy elsewhere, YOU NEED NOT PAY US ONE CENT. For **FREE FURNITURE CATALOGUE** showing an immense line of all grades of furniture at lowest prices ever known, cut this ad. out and mail to us, and the catalogue will be sent to you by return mail, postpaid. Address, **SEARS, ROEBUCK & CO., CHICAGO.**

PRINTING. We furnish all stock and do printing at the following prices: 100 envelopes 25 cts., 500 \$1.00, 1,000 \$1.50. Bill heads, note heads, cards, tags etc., at same price. Samples of work free. Dalton, Lock Drawer 7, Newfield, N. J.

DRINK ALCOBONE cured by using ALCOBONE. Trial treatment free. Dr. H. J. Cummings Co., New Porchester, Mass.

SAVE MONEY
By JOINING the **MUTUAL LITERARY-MUSIC CLUB OF AMERICA**
25 Cents pays for three months' membership. Each member receives the official club organ every month, including six pieces of high-class vocal and instrumental new music each month, 18 pieces in all. Each member will also receive a Certificate of Membership which gives the privilege of Club Room in New York City, and of buying literature, music or musical instruments of any description at wholesale prices, saving you from 20% to 60% on your purchases. Don't fail to join at once. You will get much more than your money's worth. **MUTUAL LITERARY-MUSIC CLUB, Dept. 150 Nassau Street, New York.**

Russian Depilatory
Instantaneously removes **SUPERFLUOUS HAIR** without torturing, blistering, discoloring, or leaving any blotch, signs, or other ill effect on the skin. An effective, instantaneous, harmless remedy. **Price, ONE DOLLAR.** Reduced from Three. Send for Booklet Giving Full Information. **M.M.E.V. BENOIT, 2 E. 42d St., N. Y. City.**

LADIES Send for free sample of our handsome stick pin of exclusive design. Also valuable beauty secret and remarkable offer. Send no money simply Name and Address. **American Dispensing Company, Inc., 697 Second Ave., New York.**

We want a correspondent at every P. O., in the U. S. Good wages writing one hour each day, particulars for stamp. **CUTIFORM MFG. CO., Dept. A., Bellaire, Ohio.**

LADIES Send 10c. for a valuable secret that cost me \$5. Every lady should know this. **MRS. A. C. MERCIER, New Bedford, Massachusetts**

THE YANKEE FIRE-KINDLER Burns 100 Fires with \$6 of Oil. No kindlings. Warranted 3 years. Greatest Seller for Agents ever invented. Sample with terms prepaid, 15c. **YANKEE KINDLER CO., BLOCK 44 OLNEY, ILL.**

Earn \$8 ADVERTISING OUR WASHING FLUID in your town with 100 samples. Send 16 stamps. **A. W. SCOTT, COHES, N. Y.**

OUR PATENT Safety Razor Guard prevents cutting the face. Fits any razor. Price 40c. **Inland Novelty Co., Newton, Iowa.**

Farmers and Dairymen: Increase your income by learning to make 3 lbs. of good butter from 1 lb. No drugs used. Full instructions 50c. **F. C. ALLEN CO., Box 333, Geneva, N. Y.**

\$12 per thousand copying letters, material furnished. No deposit. Send stamped envelope for particulars. Dept. V., **Globe Remedy Co., Chicago, 90 Wabash Ave.**

OPIUM and Liquor Habit Cured without inconvenience or detention from business. Write **THE DR. J. L. STEPHENS CO., Dept E 2 Lebanon, Ohio.**

BEAUTIFUL HAIR.
If your hair is becoming thin, faded or the ends split and break off in combing, **HAIRTONE** will put new life into the scalp, prevent dandruff and make the hair luxuriant and of a beautiful texture. When every thing else has failed **HAIRTONE** produces results. It positively has no equal. Full trial pint treatment on receipt of 25c. Address **HAIRTONE MFG. CO., 131 S. Commerce St., Natchez, Miss.**

Rheumatism



50,000 BOXES FREE.

I have suffered a thousand tortures and tried everything that was recommended to me by my physicians and my friends to cure that terrible plague Rheumatism, until I gave up all hope of ever being cured, when I discovered by the most fortunate chance, a simple harmless remedy (Virginia Button Snake Root) that gave instant relief and cured me entirely of those nerve racking and muscle tearing pains of Rheumatism. It's just a simple remedy, but it does the work quickly. It has cured cases of 30 and 40 years standing, and so certain am I that it will cure you, no matter what form of Rheumatism you have, that I am willing to send you a box of it free. Just send your name and address to M. E. Maxwell, 108 Maxwell Building, St. Louis, Mo., and I will mail you a box of it with full directions how to use it. It costs you nothing to try it.

EMBROIDERY SILK.

Beautiful assorted colors, 15 large skeins for 10 cents. Package of silk for Biscuit Work. Large package of nice pieces, 10c. Illustrated Price Lists Sent Free. **BALLANTINE & CO., Dept. 2, Rockville, Conn.**

HELP WANTED. GOOD PAY. easy work at home in spare time, no peddling or canvassing, send 4 cts for valuable sample, catalogue and instructions. Address **EMPIRE J SUPPLY CO., Jamestown, N. Y.**

ANYONE can clear \$15 weekly. No capital needed. No canvassing or peddling. New, best, most honorable, genteel home opportunity ever offered. Particulars for stamp. California Pub. & Art Co., Station B, (V 11) Oakland, California.

LADIES Marvelous Discovery of the 20th Century Dr. Verd's Complexion Beautifier. Bottle FREE. Send 4c in stamps. **VERDI CHEMICAL CO., Box 301, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.**

Silk Remnants for crazy work, large package in beautiful colors, 12c-3 packs for 25c. Embroidery silk, all colors, 12c-3 packs for 25c. Illustrated catalogue of stamped goods with each order free. **Excelsior D-Novelty Co., Providence, R. I.**

Agents: Flavoring powders, Face creams, Hair tonic and formulas for everything. Send for free circulars of honest goods at honest prices. Don't delay; write today. **Eureka Mfg. Co., Dept. 11, Santa Cruz, Cal.**

TELEPHONE TROUBLES and how to find them. **25c. PER COPY** W. H. Hyde & Co., Drawer 1564 B, Milwaukee, Wis.

ANGEL'S WHISPER—Beautiful, large, colored picture; sells quick at 25c; sample 12c; 9 for \$1.00. **J. LEE, Omaha Bldg., Chicago.**

THE BIO-CHEMIC TREATMENT Cures Permanently, Eczema, Diabetes and many other diseases. For information write to, **A. A. LINDABURY, M. S., M. D. 214 and 215 Connell Bldg., Scranton, Pa.**

LADIES OUR HOLD-FAST Placket Fastener is absolutely guaranteed to hold placket fast and to give the skirt a continuous seam effect. The skirt hangs gracefully and a very graceful rounded curve is given to the figure. Price only 25c prepaid. You need it. Good agents wanted. Address **GOOD THUNDER SPECIALTY CO., Minn. Good Thunder.**

TAPE-WORM

Expelled Alive, Head Guaranteed. Booklet free. **BYRON FIELD & CO., Dept. U, Y, 182 State St., Chicago.**



The IDEAL SQUARE Cooker With Doors. Cooks a whole meal over one burner, on gasoline, oil, gas, or common cook stove. **Reduces Fuel Bills One-half.** Has water gauge and replenishing tube on outside. Makes tough meats tender. Will hold 12 one-qt. jars in canning fruits. We also make the world-renowned round **Ideal Cooker** with whistle. We pay express. The House-keeper's Friend. Agents' Bonanza. Send for illustrated catalogue. **Agents Wanted.** **TOLEDO COOKER CO., Box 257 Toledo, O.**

Are We Making Mistakes With Our Boys?

(Written for Vick's Family Magazine.)

The mistakes of our lives are many, Their number is legion when told, But by kindness of thought, and true actions wrought, We can lessen the account ere we're old.

One great mistake of the farmer with his boys is compelling them through boyhood, youth and young manhood, to grow up amidst the surroundings of farm life, and assist in the arduous duties and tasks of every day farm work, when they have no taste nor desire to follow that vocation through life. The father should watch the inclination of his boy and so direct that while he apparently follows his own desire, he is being gently led to think that what he longs to do his father is willing he should do, and is acquiescing in all of his inspirations and aspirations. Emerson says "That which befits us. . . . is cheerfulness and courage and the endeavor to realize our aspirations." Life is an inspiration and its crowning glory is aspiring to noble thoughts and achievements.

Fathers, let us make it our first business to study the adaptability of our boys, then give them a helpful hand. Why spoil a good mechanic, electrician, architect, or perhaps a professional man, to make a poor farmer, and vice versa? Well, some one says, we cannot all afford to give our boys a college education. Granted, it still remains for us to sympathize, and, God be thanked, if a boy has the courage of his convictions, energy, and pluck, with a father's God speed and a mother's love the door is open for him in this country of all countries, America.

Again, if the father finds his boy imbued with a love of nature, interested in every detail on the farm and even his playthings the tools of labor, the hoe, the rake, etc., teach him to use them to advantage. At the early age of ten, at least, if you wish your boy to be a farmer, convince him that farming pays, and pays well, for the time and labor spent. Give him a plot of good rich ground and let him raise something for himself. See that he does it, and does it well, then let the proceeds be his, to use and spend. Perhaps he longs for something a little out of the ordinary; if so, let him buy it, even if he pays too much for his whistle.

And in that first little plot or garden see to it that there are some flowers. Tell him of the wonders of the flowery kingdom; of their home elevating and beautifying qualities; of their ennobling and uplifting influence. I tell you, brother farmers, flowers are just as necessary to the farm and the home life as corn and potatoes. While one feeds the body, the other feeds the soul and lifts us

above the plodding tiller of the soil of a century ago to the envied position of the agriculturist of the twentieth century. Again we must not draw the reins too taut. A day off for sport now and then does a boy a world of good. Show me the boy that will not enthuse over a gun, a fishing rod or a circus and I will show you a "drum stick." No, no, boys must be boys—win their confidence and convince them that they have yours and all is well. Erect within their imaginations lofty ideals, then help them to attain to the loftiness of character and sweetness of soul of those ideals. Did I hear some one say that was teaching them to build air castles? True; teach them to build air castles if every gust tumbles them over; by and by, through experience, they will lay the foundation deep and strong enough on which to complete a structure, grand and beautiful.

As farmer's sons let them feel that while many pursuits are all right and honorable, there is nothing better than agriculture, and if they will put the same energy into it that they must put into a business career, it will bring equally as good returns.

David Harold Judd.

\$10 CASH Paid per 1000 for used stamps. Send 10c. for price list paid. **A. SCOTT, Cohoes, N. Y.**

2,000 Ferrets Some trained. Book and price-list free. **N. A. Knapp, Rochester, O.**

\$3 to \$9 A Day working schemes given in The Schemer, Alliance, O. Copy free.

MAGIC Squirt ring, latest novelty, 10c. silver. Send 5c for catalog. **Eastern Novelty Co., Roxbury, Mass.**

"HUS-BAND-O," Complete fortune telling outfit 10c. **Electric Pub. Co., Dept. Q., Phila., Pa.**

\$5 to \$12 Weekly for copying letters for us in your own home, outfit and particulars free. Address, **Ladies' Home Magazine, Philadelphia, Pa.**

Wanted—Ladies, copy letters at home, \$20 per 1,000. Send stamped envelope for application. **LESLIE NOVELTY COMPANY, Dept. V., CHICAGO.**

EVERYBODY should have Etiquette for all Occasions. Invaluable to all 10c. **C. N. COFFIN, 2932 Emerson Ave. So., Minneapolis, Minn.**

INK Powder. One package makes large bottle black ink. Price 5c with novelty catalog. Regular price 10c. **INLAND NOVELTY CO., Newton, Iowa.**

FREE—Shorthand or Bookkeeping course to one student in every town. Write for particulars & catalog. **Geneva Cor. College, Geneva, Ohio.**

Rheumatism Cured New Remedy. No tablets or alcoholic mixtures. Safe and sure. **Mason Drug Co., Box V, Hancock, Md.**

WANTED Ladies and gentlemen to mail circulars for us \$15 weekly. No canvassing. Address **Summerhays Supply Co. Tama, Iowa.**

20 Actresses' Photos, Beauties, and Catalogue, over 100 illustrations, 10 cents, sealed. **K. A. Stewart Co., Box 916, Providence, R. I.**

\$4 DAY to man with rig to represent us in the country. Steady job. No experience necessary. Send stamp for particulars. **PEERLESS CO. Kansas City, Mo.**

YOUR NAME on a neat RUBBER STAMP with BUSINESS pad and ink mailed for two dimes and Address **V. DURHAM CO., Corry, Pa.**

LADIES Free information how to develop on the Bust, neck, chest and entire form. Also eradicate facial defects. Write today **Prof. Davis, M. C. Masonic Temple, Chicago**

\$5 for any case of Itching Piles, Ulcerated Piles, Barbers' Itch, old sores, or Eczema, that cannot be cured with one box of **DR. ZIGG'S SILVER LEAF OINTMENT.** Sent by mail 50 cents. **Dr. Zigg Medical Co., Bradford, Pa.**

DARKEN YOUR GRAY HAIR



DUBY'S OZARK HERBS restore gray, streaked or faded hair to its natural color, beauty and softness. Prevents the hair from falling out, promotes its growth, cures and prevents dandruff, and gives the hair a soft, glossy and healthy appearance. **IT WILL NOT STAIN THE SCALP,** is not sticky or dirty, contains no sugar of lead, nitrates, silver, copperas, or poisons of any kind, but is composed of roots, herbs and flowers. It costs **ONLY 25 CENTS TO MAKE ONE PINT.** It will produce the most luxuriant tresses from dry, coarse and wiry hair, and bring back the color it originally was before it turned gray. Full size package sent by mail for 25 cents. **OZARK HERB COMPANY, St. Louis, Mo.**



Combination Microscope, 40c each or 3 for \$1.00. Same as sold at Pan American for \$1.00, magnifies 500 times and best ever produced at popular prices. It has a fine polished brass case, an insect holder, accessories, each microscope. It not only furnishes one with amusement, but instruction as well. Price 40c each or 3 for \$1.00. With Vick's Family Magazine, 1 year for 70 cts. Address **Vick Pub. Co., Rochester, N. Y.**

Hair on the Face

Removed without injuring the most sensitive skin. Satisfaction guaranteed. Price \$1.00, trial package 50c. **Warren Chemical Co., Station M, Chicago, Ill.**

FILL Your TEETH Dr. Truman's Crystaline. Stops pain and decay. Lasts a lifetime. Circulars Free. **Box V. E. J. Truman, Bainbridge, N. Y.**

EVERY LADY WANTS Reliable Rubber Goods! We have them. Our list of specialties that will surely interest you for stamp. **Energetic Lady Agents Wanted. C. CLAYTON MFG. CO., Malden, Mass.**

Ladies Don't Read This unless your skirt sags. If it does, send us two dimes and stamp, and we will mail you at once our skirt supporter, which prevents sagging. It also gives that smooth and neat appearance about the waist desired by all. Circulars on application. **E. OWENS HOLLOWAY, 415 N. 2nd Street, Camden N. J.**

A well developed BUST makes every woman beautiful and attractive. My method will develop any bust 6 inches or more in 6 weeks. Makes the neck plumb and round. Method harmless, safe, hygienic. Confidential particulars for 2c. stamp. **Mme. A. Le Prie, Joy Supply Co. Elgin, Ill.**

"DR. SHAFER CURED ME of Bright's Disease and Dropsy, after four doctors had pronounced me incurable. He is honest and skillful. — **Miss L. Betz, Emsworth, Pa.** Do not experiment with your family doctor until incurable, but send four cents at once, for mailing case and bottle for urine and get my opinion of your case, free of charge. Fees low. Medicines furnished. Address **J. F. SHAFER, M. D., 403 Penn Ave., Pittsburg, Pa.**

Map of the World

ISSUED BY THE



A beautiful map of the world, valuable as a reference map, printed on heavy paper, 42 by 64 inches, mounted on rollers edges bound in cloth, showing our new island possessions, and Trans-Siberian Railway, the new Pacific Ocean cables, railway lines and other new features in the Far East, correct to date.

Sent on receipt of 50 cents.

W. B. KNISKERN, Passenger Traffic Manager, Chicago, Illinois.

\$27.45 For Organ
 this Organ
 Pay After Received
 Offer! One Year's Free Trial!
 25-Years' Binding Guarantees!
 All explained in our
FREE MUSIC CATALOGUE. We
 sell pianos from \$89.00
 to \$165.00, the equal
 of instruments sold by
 dealers and agents at
DOUBLE our prices.
 High Grade Violas,
 Guitars and Mandolins
 at \$2.45 and upwards
 For our beautifully
 illustrated, big complete
 Music Catalogue, low
 prices, free trial and
 pay after received offer,
 cut this ad out and mail to
SEARS, ROEBUCK & CO.,
 Chicago, Ill.



PIANO Do You Want a
 Genuine Bargain
 Hundreds of Upright Pianos
 returned from renting to be
 disposed of at once. They include Steinways, Knabes, Fischers,
 Sterlings and other well known makes. Many cannot be dis-
 tinguished from new, yet all are offered at
 a great discount. Uprights as low
 as \$100. Also beautiful New Up-
 rights at \$125, \$135, \$150 and \$165. A fine
 instrument at \$250. Monthly payments accepted. Freight only about
 \$5. Write for list and particulars. You make a great saving.
 Pianos warranted as represented. Illustrated Piano Book Free.

FROM
LYON & HEALY
 13 Adams St., CHICAGO.
 World's largest music house; sells Everything known in Music

A GOLD WATCH FREE.
 We give a Genuine American Stem Wind,
 Stem Set Silver FREE to anyone for
 selling 20 Water Aluminum Thim-
 bles at 10c each and paper needles Free
 with each thimble. When sold send us \$2
 and we will send watch by return mail.
HOME SUPPLY CO., Dept. 38 CHICAGO

SWEET Willow Grass. The most fragrant and
 lasting perfume on the market. Sure to please you.
 Send 12c to cover postage and packing, on our large,
 illustrated catalogue of household necessities, and
 we will send you free of charge, sample of our ele-
 gant perfume. **FINACLE NOVELTY CO.,**
 Dept. E., Providence, R. I.

LORD'S PRAYER
 Bangle Ring. Smallest Ever Coined.
 Or any Initial en-
 graved Free. Rolled
 Gold. Warranted 8 years.
 10c for either or 15c for both.
VOKES Mfg. Co., 86 Western Av., COVINGTON, KY.

EMBROIDERY SILK AT HALF PRICE.
 BEST QUALITY Floss. Factory remnants, in one
 yard to 3 yd lengths, BIG PACKAGE, any color, 10c.
72 FANCY WORK PATTERNS
50 LARGE ASSORTED SILK PIECES FREE with
 for Quilts, Cushions, Tidies, etc., 10c. postpaid. Addr. **each order**
ART CO., Dept. V, Beaver Springs, Pa.

Certain Catarrh Cure, Athens, Ga. \$1. Ex. Pd.

We trust **BOYS AND GIRLS** with FOUR
 Honest humming
 samples, etc. Cutest articles on earth. Help adver-
 tise. Good pay, send postal today. **V. G. S. WKS.,**
 Box 13, Sta. A, Milwaukee, Wis.

KEY TO HARVEY'S GRAMMAR
 Sentences analyzed, diagramed, parsed. Perfect!
 \$1.00 postpaid. Circulars free. **H. H. EMMONS,**
 Pub., Alliance, Ohio.

CATARRH CAN BE CURED. Send two-cent
 stamp for trial treatment and be convinced.
EDWARD WOEHRE,
 1009 Wallace St., Sta. S, Philadelphia, Pa.

FARMERS, BUTCHERS, MECHANICS
 and all who use saws file them with Roth's Saw
 Filer, Clamp and Vise. This filer clamp and vise is
 giving universal satisfaction and with it any person
 can file a saw. Price \$1.50. For circulars, terms to
 agents, etc., address
G. H. ROTH, New Oxford, Pa. Dept. V.

LADIES LEARN LACE-MAKING
 by a New Process. Any child
 can do it. We furnish FREE book of instructions
 and signed contract to buy all the laces you make.
 Send 4c postage for book and start making money
 at once. **Torchon Lace Co., Dept. B, St. Louis, Mo.**

Every Woman
 is interested and should know
 about the wonderful
MARVEL Whirling Spray
 The new Vaginal Syringe. Injec-
 tion and Suction. Best-Saf-
 est—Most Convenient.
 It Cleanses Instantly.

Ask your druggist for it.
 If he cannot supply the
MARVEL, accept no
 other, but send stamp for il-
 lustrated book—sealed. It gives
 full particulars and directions in-
 valuable to ladies. **MARVEL CO.,**
 Room 34, Times Bldg., New York.

TWO GOOD FAT HENS.

(Continued from November issue.)

Sweeping up the coins and bills,
 the girl with the brown braid thrust
 them into the pocket of the old woman
 and took her by the arm.

"I will go home with you," she
 said.

Five minutes later, in a bare but
 tidy kitchen, the heroine of the after-
 noon's adventure was pouring out to
 the "ould man" the whole story.
 Then the money was brought forth
 and counted, and the girl with the
 brown hair blessed first by one and
 then by the other, and then by both
 of the simple, honest pair. Then
 the old woman began bustling about
 the kitchen, hospitable and important.

"And it's a cup o' tay you must be
 takin' wid us. Sure, it's early yet,
 and your mother—bless the day she
 bore ye!—won't be worryin'." Draw
 up to the stove, darlint, and stick
 those little bits of pretty feet of yez
 into the oven. And what'll your
 name be, if I might be so bould to
 ask?"

"Anne Greyson."
 "Anne! Sure, the very name of the
 mother of the blessed Virgin herself.
 And is it strong or wake you'll be
 takin' your tay, dear?"

It was fully an hour before Anne
 could tear herself from the cosy
 kitchen. As she was putting on her
 coat some one knocked on the door,
 and the old man opening it, in rushed,
 panting and shame-faced, the boy
 with the speckled hens. At his side
 bounded a great dog.

"Howly saints, the thafe himself!"
 cried the old woman.

The boy, crimson from confusion,
 no less than from the buffets of the
 storm, burst out in eager denial.

"I knew you'd think so, but it was
 my dog Merlin."

"Him stole the hins?"

"No, no; I mean he'd been stolen
 a whole fortnight, and all of a sudden,
 as I was standing out on the platform,
 I saw him under a lamp post,—poor
 fellow, you ought to see him when
 he isn't half starved, he's a beauty,—
 and I just jumped off and made a bee-
 line for that lamp post. Of course he
 was gone when I got there,—the fel-
 low who stole him had him on a chain,
 —but I heard him bark, and I ran
 double quick down the street, and—
 there, Merlin, there, old fellow," and
 the boy buried his face in the yellow
 ruff of the great creature, who had
 placed two huge, loving paws on his
 master's shoulders.

"But how did you ever find us?"
 asked Anne.

"Why, I remembered you said Ev-
 ansville, and I tramped out. Didn't
 even ask if they'd take Merlin on the
 car, and didn't dare let him run
 behind; and I went to the priest.

"I thought perhaps,—" here the
 boy looked a little confused again,—
 "I thought perhaps from her,—from the
 way she talked,—the old lady was
 from Ireland—"

"Right you are, County Cork; and
 foiner country you'll niver see if you
 live to be tin thousand."

"And the priest said he guessed it
 must be either Mrs. Brady or Mrs.
 Finnegan or Mrs. Flaherty."

"Mrs. Patrick Flaherty, sure!" ex-
 claimed, in high feather, the delighted
 old man. "And a foine, knowin'
 gentleman is Father Carrol, sure!
 and, glory be! we give him the purse
 at Easter."

At the reference to the purse, the
 eyes of Mrs. Patrick Flaherty grew
 suddenly wistful.

"'Twill be a weary work, I'm
 thinkin', returnin' all the money to
 the kind folks that give it."

"Returning the money?" exclaimed
 Anne.

"Sure, dear; they only give it to
 make up for the hins; and here they
 both be, safe and sound."

"Oh, you mustn't think of such a
 thing! I know they would none of
 them take it back. But now I really
 must go."

"And Merlin and I will see you as
 far as the cars," said the boy.

"Saints alive, old woman! you
 won't let the lad be goin' off widout a
 sip o' tay!"

When they were finally out in the
 street, Anne looked earnestly at the
 boy with her pretty blue eyes. "I
 never for a moment believed you were
 a thief."
Christian Register.

Tobacco Habit.



**CURED SECRETLY
 BY LADIES.**

Box Sent Free

The expensive, de-
 grading and health
 destroying Tobacco
 Habit can now be
 quickly cured by an
 odorless and tasteless
 remedy. By placing it
 in a man's tea or coffee,
 it cures him instantly
 and he is surprised to find
 that his desire for chewing or
 smoking tobacco is gone and
 that even the odor of tobacco
 now makes him deathly sick.
 Tobacco injures a man's
 health; it makes him selfish,
 peevish, cross, irritable; it
 robs him of his sleep, appe-
 tite and love of his family,
 and makes him a worse physical and
 mental wreck than does whiskey. Tobacco Heart,
 Tobacco Cancer, Tobacco Consumption, Tobacco Insanity
 are all caused by using this filthy and poisonous weed. If
 you will write to the Milo Drug Co., 616 Milo Building,
 St. Louis, Mo., they will gladly send you a package of this
 wonderful remedy in a plain sealed wrapper, free of
 charge, and you can then try it and see for yourself
 how nicely and quickly it cures the Tobacco Habit.



**SLEEP and
 GET WELL.**

ORANGE LILY
 absorbs the diseased tisse-
 sues and cures ladies
 suffering from Female
 Troubles while they rest.

Send for my testimonial and sample.
Mrs. V. H. FRETTER, DETROIT, MICH.

**FREE TO EVERY
 WOMAN**
 troubled with any disease peculiar
 to her sex who will write us
 may secure absolutely free our
 marvelous
DUPLEX SPRAY SYRINGE
 the most perfect female injec-
 tion and suction
 syringe.

We cure
 every form of
 Female
**Weakness,
 Displacement, Leucor-
 rhoea, Delayed, Sup-
 pressed or Painful Menses,
 Falling of Womb, etc.** Personal
 attention given to each case by our SPECI-
 ALISTS. Write at once, stating your trouble
 that we may prepare a special treatment to fit your
 exact condition. **Wilhoff's Medical Co.,**
 No. 6 Astor Place, New York.

THIS BOOK FREE

The essence of many volumes put into a nutshell by Prof. J. A. Nichols, A. M., and H. H. Goodrich, A. M. The biggest little book ever sold for the money, considering its practical worth and durability. 1001 practical facts and figures for every day life specially arranged and systematized for **The Busy Man.**

The Following is the Table of Contents, in part, Which Speaks for Itself.

The Busy Man's Friend

The Hows of Business.
 Success, How won
 Notes, How to write, collect, transfer, etc.
 Receipts, Different forms.
 Orders, How to write.
 Due Bills, How to write.
 Checks, How to write, present and en-
 dorse.
 Drafts, Hints and helps on writing differ-
 ent forms.
 Bill of Exchange.
 Banks, How to do business with.
 Papers, How to transfer.
 Debt, How to demand payment.
 Change, How to make quickly.
 Wealth, How to obtain.
 Money, How to send by mail.
 Difficulties, How to settle by arbitration.
 Arbitration.
 Agents, How to do business with.
 Power of Attorney.
 Debts, How to collect.

Points of Law and Legal Forms.
 Affidavits, Agreements, Contracts, How
 to write, etc. Sale of Property, Law gov-
 erning. Bill of sale. Landlord and Ten-
 ant. Leases. Deeds, How to write.
 Deeds, Mortgages, Bail, Bonds, Li-
 cense, Copyrights, Mechanic's Lien,
 Wills, Laws and forms. Guaranties.

The Busy Man's Digest of Laws.
 Comprising 18 departments.

Practical Information for Busy Men.
 Comprising 13 departments.

The Busy Man's Digest of Facts.
 Comprising 6 departments.

Computations at Sight.
 Comprising 28 departments.

It should be in every home; once there you will refer to it many times each day and it will save you many dollars in expenses within one year. Order at once.
 Clearly printed on Super-Calendared Paper; neatly and durably bound in Flexible Morocco, not cloth; Litho end Sheets; over 100 apt Illustrations; 256 Pages.

Price 50 Cents And 8 cents additional to pay for postage. This book has been sold for \$1.25 at book stores but we buy in very large quantities and give our readers the benefit of wholesale prices.

Book Free For the next sixty days we will send one of these books absolutely free to everyone who secures subscriptions to Vick's Family Magazine to the amount of \$1.00 but 8c. extra must be sent for postage on the book.

DANSVILLE, N. Y. VICK PUBLISHING COMPANY, Rochester, N. Y.



This trademark means the best roof.
 Write to W. C. CRONMEYER, Agent, to Carnegie Building, Pittsburg, for illustrated book on roofing.
 Fifty years the Most Favored Roofing.

FROM \$60 TO \$125 A MONTH MADE WITH Gearhart's Improved KNITTER

by either knitting for the trade or selling machines. Knits everything from homespun or factory yarns equal to hand knitting, also all sizes of hosiery without seams. Only machine made with RIBBING ATTACHMENT. Ahead of all competitors. Write us at once for our catalogue and samples of work which explains everything. **SATISFACTION GUARANTEED.** Address: J. E. GEARHART, Box 18, CLEARFIELD, PA.

BIG MONEY FOR AGENTS.

CARDS

High-grade Visiting Cards 50c. per 100. Correct styles and sizes. Booklet & Samples free. **BUFFALO CARD COMPANY** 324 Mooney Building, Buffalo, N. Y.



NO SPAVINS

The worst possible spavin can be cured in 45 minutes. Ringbones, Curbs and Splints just as quick. Not painful and never has failed. Detailed information about this new method sent free to horse owners. Write today. Ask for pamphlet No. 708. **Fleming Bros., Chemists, Union Stock Yds., Chicago**

"Landsfeld Did It"
 Made my face white as milk and as soft as silk. Price \$1, express prepaid. Address **Union Chemical Works, Minneapolis, Minn.**

RHEUMATISM



A Cure Given By One Who Had It.
 JASPER, MICH., July 21, 1902.

Mark H. Jackson,
 Dear sir: I received your splendid remedy and have used it with the most excellent results. My case was awfully obstinate. I got it in the army. It is the Sciatic Chronic rheumatism, twitching, jerking and shooting of the limbs; electric shock pains all the time. Your remedy is the best, and agrees best with my constitution of any that I have ever used. I have tried almost everything, and cannot appreciate or thank you too much for getting up such a grand remedy. I am,
 Yours truly and affectionately,
 LOUIS A. MONROE.

Nine years ago I was attacked by muscular and inflammatory rheumatism. I suffered as those who have it know, for over three years, and tried almost everything. Finally I found a remedy, that cured me completely and it has not returned. I have given it to a number who were terribly afflicted, and it effected a cure in every case. Any one desiring to give this precious remedy a trial, I will send it on receipt of 10 cts. in stamps to pay mailing. Address, Mark H. Jackson, 93 University Bldg., Syracuse, N. Y. Mr. Jackson is responsible. Above statement true.—Pub.

The Summer of the Heart.

For all the wintry flakes of frost it's summer time somewhere—
 Violets in the valleys, bird songs in the air;
 The chilly winds have only blown the lily's lips apart—
 It's summer in the world, my dear, and summer in the heart.

For all the gray skies glooming its summer in the dells;
 In the merry song of reapers, in the tinkling of the bells;
 The sweet south skies are brightening as with springtime's magic art—
 But the sweetest summer, dearest, is the summer in the heart!

Still, still the birds are singing, and still the groves are green,
 And still the roses redden and the loyal lilies lean;
 Love fades not with the season; when summer days depart,
 It's summer still, my dearest, in the Eden of the heart!
 F. L. Stanton.

Photo Frame.

(Written for Vick's Family Magazine.)

Among the dainty gifts received by a friend at Christmas time, was a frame for a cabinet size picture which attracted my attention not only because of its daintiness but because its construction was so simple. It was in the shape of a horse shoe with the opening at the lower end. The back was of pasteboard covered with pale blue cambric and the circle was not cut from the center as in a real horse-shoe. The front was cut out like the shoe and covered like the back. Over this was a crochet cover. This was a piece two inches wide and long enough to reach around the shoe. There were two rows of shells at each edge of the strip and these were connected by bars through which was run an inch wide ribbon. Victoria crochet silk in pale blue was used for the crochet and a ribbon of the same shade was drawn through it. One edge of the lace was fastened to the outer edge of the horseshoe and the other edge fitted to the inner part of the shoe by a thread of the silk run in and drawn up enough to shirr it slightly. When both parts of the frame were sewed together the picture was slipped in at the lower end and held in place by a few stitches at the end of the shoe. A ribbon at the back suspended the frame. An easel back could be arranged if preferred.

A frame made in this way with white B. & A. crochet silk and a ribbon of blue or gold run in would be very pretty. A plain cover of white crochet would also be nice. These could be cleaned when soiled by removing from the frame, then using a suds of white soap and soft water with a little borax added to whiten the silk. Rinse well and pin on a pillow to dry.

A soft ribbon or piece of silk could be used for the front of the frame and the horse shoe nails simulated with Asiatic filo. Pearl color for the shoe with a darker shade for the nails would look well. A few four leaf clovers embroidered as though thrown carelessly across the frame would add to the "good luck" symbols.

A round frame could be made of the silk or crochet lace in a similar

manner, using a circle instead of a horseshoe for a pattern. A heart shape would also be pretty made in this way.

A pretty piece of old lace that is too tender for actual wear could be used for such a frame with good effect by displaying it over a back ground of pale blue and using blue ribbons to hang it with. *R. E. Merryman.*

Small Aids for the Thrifty Housewife.

If the end of a beefsteak has been blackened during the broiling process, and you wish to convert it into a mince or stew, simply wash it by pouring boiling water over it.

If a recipe calls for a cup of left-over gravy, and there is not such a thing in the refrigerator, make a substitute by stirring into a cup of boiling water a teaspoon of beef extract.

Chop all meat for sandwiches, and if there is too little of one sort to be used, combine with any other left-over, provided it is of a flavor that makes a good combination. Chicken, veal, ham, sweetbreads, and tender white pork may be used together. Meat used in slices, as in old-fashioned sandwiches, cannot be well seasoned. Mincéd, it can be mixed with mayonnaise, softened butter, cream or stock, and the seasoning may consist of anything, lemon, chopped pickle, celery or olives, a spoonful of mustard and lemon juice, a drop of tobasco or onion extract, grated horse-radish, vinegar, catsup, chives, parsley or grated cheese. The seasoning is limited only by taste and the ingredients on the pantry shelves. Nothing is too humble to be transformed into a delicious sandwich. Morsels of meat or fish can be chopped and rubbed to a paste, even one hard-boiled egg, with several tablespoons of meat, will make half a dozen excellent sandwiches. The secret lies in fine seasoning and dainty service.

When buttering pans, Dario molds, cake tins, or anything which requires greasing, use a small, flat, bristle paint brush. It costs ten cents, and if kept clean will last for years.

Cold soda biscuits can be dipped quickly in water and heated through,

When you send us your subscription or renewal, we would suggest your taking advantage of Vick's Window Garden offer on inside of our back cover. Look up the advertisement and send us your order at once; you will not regret it. For a limited time we will give absolutely Free to everyone sending us \$1.00 for a three year subscription to VICK'S FAMILY MAGAZINE our Window Garden Collection, if 10 cents be added to pay for postage and packing.

TOO FAT

A person generally knows when he is too fleshy. As a rule, he shuts his eyes to the fact, and believes it to be only temporary, until he suddenly realizes that he has gained many pounds and no remedy appears to be forthcoming. To you who have drifted into this situation, we can offer truths that are beyond the shadow of questioning. We can bring down your weight not by elaborate and expensive reduction remedies, but by simple treatment that brings health and strength in its train. Our files are filled with hundreds of thousands of testimonials to this effect, and are the best guarantee of our signal success. Here are two of many: Mrs. S. Mann, of LaMoite, Ia., writes: "Six years ago I lost 70 lbs. of weight in 3 months by the Hall Method, and I have not gained an ounce in weight since." Miss Grace Smith, of Linden, N. Y., writes: "Five years ago I took the Hall Treatment and was reduced 38 pounds in weight. The reduction is permanent, as I have not gained an ounce in weight since then." Now just to prove to you how effective, pleasant and safe this remedy is, to reduce weight, send us your name and address and we will mail you a box of it free of charge. Each box is mailed in a plain sealed wrapper, with no advertising on it to indicate what it contains. It costs you nothing to try it. **HALL CHEMICAL CO., Dept. 215, St. Louis, Mo.**

A HANDSOME WATCH GIVEN AWAY.

You can obtain one of our handsome Watches without cost, if you sell 20 cases of our Perfume at 5c. each among your friends, and send us the One Dollar thus received. We are distributing these Watches simply to advertise our business. There is no misrepresentation or humbug about this—so if you wish to secure one of our Watches, all we ask is that when you received it you will show it to your friends. Thousands are receiving watches from us and are delighted with them. This is a grand opportunity to get a handsome Watch, without paying a cent. We give a beautiful Watch as a present to anyone who sells 20 cases of our Perfume at 5c. each and remits us \$1.00 for same. Send your name and address and we will mail you the Perfume postpaid. When sold, send us the \$1.00, and we will forward you the handsome Gold Watch. No catch-words in this advertisement. We mean just what we say. You require no capital while working for us. Satisfaction Guaranteed. Address, **PERSIAN CO., Box 180, New York City.**

STEM SET QUADER \$5.95 Don't BUY A WATCH

before seeing our 17 Jeweled movement, patent regulator, is quick train, stamped 17 jewels, adjusted. Beautifully engraved gold filled model case, the "Imperial," with certificate for 25 years. Sent by Express with privilege of thorough examination, before you pay one cent. Absolutely guaranteed by one of the oldest and most reliable jewelers in America. If found best value ever given, pay Exp. agt. our Special Price, \$5.95 and exp. charges. Jeweled Elgin or Waltham same price if preferred. FREE, rolled gold, \$9 in. Jorgette chain for ladies, or vest chain for gents, guaranteed 5 yrs. Give both P.O. and exp. office & state plainly whether ladies or gent's size. Offer can't be continued long. Write today.

ALLEN & CO., Wholesale Jewelers, Dept. 12 207 to 221 Dearborn Street, CHICAGO, ILL.

FALLING HAIR AND BALDNESS ABSOLUTELY CURED

There is but one way to tell the reason of baldness and falling hair, and that is by a microscopic examination of the hair itself. The particular disease with which your scalp is afflicted must be known before it can be intelligently treated. The use of dandruff cures and hair tonics, without knowing the specific cause of your disease, is like taking medicine without knowing what you are trying to cure. Send three fallen hairs from your combings, to Prof. J. H. Austin, the celebrated Bacteriologist, who will send you absolutely free a diagnosis of your case, a booklet on care of the hair and scalp, and a sample box of the remedy which he will prepare specially for you. Enclose 2c postage and write to-day.

PROF. J. H. AUSTIN, 414 McVicker's Bldg., Chicago, Ill.

MUSIC SALE To close out stock we send by mail 75 pieces latest Songs, Marches, Waltzes, for 25 Cents. Money back if not suited.

SHAW & CO., Canton, Ohio.

FREE TO LADIES

We pay the freight. To every lady who takes orders for 20 cans of our Baking Powder, etc., (on our Plan No. 79) giving free to each customer a beautiful Gold & Floral Decorated China Fruit Set of 7 pieces, we give this handsome upholstered Couch free. Fitted with large steel springs. Covered with beautiful Velour; Fringed on bottom. No money required in advance. Send your name & address & we will send you our order blank, plans, etc. We will send you this Couch, Baking Powder, etc., & allow you time to deliver goods & collect the money before paying us one cent. You run no risk; we pay the freight, & will trust you. Write to-day.

KING MFG. CO. 234 King Bldg. St. Louis, Mo.

H. & H. PNEUMATIC BUST FORMS

"Nature's only rival; they mark the end of padding." Eagerly welcomed by refined women of society and the stage in Europe and America. **Positively a revelation.** Inflated by a breath, adjusted instantly, with or without corsets, take any and every shape, conform to every position and movement; **impossible to detect** with any costume. **Durable,** delightful, healthful; weight 1 oz. **Give style** to any figure. A support to mothers. Pronounced by an eminent woman "more an inspiration than an invention." Write for interesting pamphlet with illustrations from life; mailed in plain, sealed envelope for two cent stamp. Address HENDERSON & HENDERSON, Dept. J, Buffalo N. Y.



FREE 2 Beautiful Life size Paris Dolls, an elegant Sterling Comb and Case, Six Aluminum Engraved Hair Pins and a Beautiful Chamols Pen Wiper. **Read our Remarkable Offer:** Anyone selling six boxes of our famous Success Headache and Cold Cure Tablets, at 25 cents a box, will receive absolutely **FREE**, an elegant Sterling Dressing Comb and Case, 6 Engraved Aluminum Hair Pins, a Beautiful Chamols Pen Wiper and 2 stylishly dressed Life size Paris Dolls, each having beautiful dresses, trimmed with blue and red, 2 hats, golden hair, rosy cheeks, dainty stockings and cute slippers, so dolls can be dressed to your taste. We make this remarkable offer to introduce our famous Tablets. Write TO-DAY and we will send Tablets by mail; when sold send us the \$1.50 and we guarantee to ship all five premiums at once. **FREE SUCCESS REMEDY CO., Dept. B, New Haven, Ct.**



HOW ABOUT YOUR INCOME?

Most good men who love their families live close up to their income in providing for their comfort. What provision have you made for your loved ones in case you should be taken away and your income cease? Think it over and then write us for a plan that will make safe provision at a comparatively trifling cost. **The American Temperance Life.** Dept. N., 253 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

PERSONAL MAGNETISM and Self-Control developed through "Psychic Power," a quarterly magazine. Send 10 cents for sample copy. **WM. A. BARNES, Private Instructor, 505 Mass. Ave., Boston, Massachusetts.**

LADIES Lady Manchester's Beautifying Wafers of Charcoal & Arsenic create a superb Complexion, and the Figure of a Venus. Guaranteed Harmless. "One Box Free." Send 2c. stamp for particulars. Address, **PARKER CHEMICAL CO., 531 Broadway, New York.**

\$3 a Day Sure Send us your address and we will show you how to make \$3 a day absolutely sure; we furnish the work and teach you free, you work in the locality where you live. Send us your address and we will explain the business fully, remember we guarantee a clear profit of \$3 for every day's work, absolutely sure. Write at once. **ROYAL MANUFACTURING CO., Box 788, Detroit, Mich.**

We Will Start You in a permanent influential business that will make for you more money and more friends than you ever had before. Be your own boss. No matter what you are doing write us if you wish to earn more money. We start only one in each locality. We supply everything. Write to-day, to-morrow may be too late. Address, **The Lycosite Co., Dept. J, 3831 Baring Street, Philadelphia, Pa.**

Gray Hair Restored. "WALNUTTA HAIR STAIN" Restores Gray, Streaked, Faded or Bleached Hair, Eyebrows, Beard or Moustache Instantaneously. Gives any shade from Light Brown to Black. Does not wash or rub off. Contains no poisons, and is not sticky nor greasy. Will dye a sample of your hair if you send a stamped and addressed envelope. Send for free booklet about "Hair Care." To convince you of its merits will send you a Trial size for postpaid, large size (eight times as much) 60 cents. **20c** See your Druggist; if he can't supply you, write to us. **PACIFIC TRADING CO., 243 Nichols Bldg., St. Louis, Mo.**



TO WOMEN WHO DREAD MOTHERHOOD! Information How They May Give Birth to Happy, Healthy Children Absolutely Without Pain—Sent Free.

No woman need any longer dread the pains of child-birth; or remain childless. Dr. J. H. Dye has devoted his life to relieving the sorrows of women. He has proved that all pain at child birth may be entirely banished, and he will gladly tell you how it may be done absolutely free of charge. Send your name and address to J. H. Dye, Box 137, Buffalo, N. Y., and he will send you, postpaid, his wonderful book which tells how to give birth to happy, healthy children, absolutely without pain; also how to cure sterility. Do not delay but write today.

or they may be sliced thinly, toasted crisply and served with coffee. Cold muffins are good split and toasted. Cold johnny cake, sliced thin, makes a sweet crisp toast for breakfast.

Keep constantly in the refrigerator a wide mouthed glass jar with mayonnaise or a boiled salad dressing. It can be made with some left-over yolks of eggs in an odd quarter of an hour while you wait for something to bake or stew, and the convenience of it can be realized only when the supply is out.

Wash eggs before using them, then save the shells for clearing coffee or soup. Four eggshells, to which something of the albumen clings, are enough to clear one pot of coffee. The crushed eggshells are capital for cleaning the insides of cruets or any bottle with a narrow neck.

Sometimes yolks of eggs are left over when making a dish which calls for only whites; drop them gently in a bowl of water, if you do not need them immediately. They will not spoil if they stand for several days. Handle them carefully so they will not break.

A pinch of ground cloves in a warmed-up meat dish is often a pleasing addition. Nutmeg is the spice to use with poultry.

In making hash, never stir with a spoon; it makes the mixture disagreeably pasty. Toss lightly with a fork.

Save the oil from good sardines; a tablespoonful of it gives an agreeable flavor to a brown sauce for heating sardines and it economizes on butter.

Before you fry cold potatoes, dust them with flour. They will taste better and brown better. *From "Left-Overs Made Palatable."*

The Winter Trees.
In patient, silent ranks they stand, a wall
Of purple shadow 'gainst the sky's dull gray,
Not dead, but only dreaming of the day
That once again shall voice the sweet spring's
call,
Or summer's murmuring music rich. Not all
The bare brown limbs that sway can sound a
note,
Nor yet are heard the sylvan choirs remote,
In tuneful joyance of old winter's fall.

But even now, with swelling pride that thrills
Along their slender twigs, the young buds stir,
Expectant of the deeper glow that fills
The East's cold dawns. And soon will soothe
the whirl
Of gentler winds, while every leaf distills
The richness that the dreary days defer.

James B. Carrington, in the Outlook.

An Important Health Item.
(Written for Vick's Family Magazine.)

The readers of "Vick's Magazine" are certainly appreciative, cultivated housewives and mothers, and this is one reason I desire to put before them this little health item which was given to me by a dear old lady—my first neighbor—and as I have grown older and lived longer, I see the importance of it. It is in regard to washing table linens with the regular wash. "Don't do it my child," she said. It is "unhygienic and not

proper. The fastidious, neat and dainty housewives many of them never practice it, but others carelessly allow the table cloths and napkins to be washed with the other clothes. It is not much more trouble to do them first, as careful housewives never allow them to become much soiled, hence they need only a light rubbing. First overlook them and darn and mend every tiny break; then pour boiling water through any stains. Make a warm suds of rain water and add enough gold-dust washing powder to make a nice suds and wash each piece in it. Rub lightly between the hands until clean, then rinse through one water, and dip in thin boiled starch, which has been slightly blued. Table linens should never be stiff. Always put a pinch of borax in the water in which fine embroidery is, as it keeps them newer looking. Put your table linens by themselves, wash them alone and keep your table like a fresh flower." *S. J. H.*

Remember we are going to improve Vick's Magazine a great deal during the coming year and advance the subscription price to \$1.00 a year. Better take advantage of our low rates now in force of 50c a year or three years for \$1.00.

A Piano on Trial.
When a piano factory is willing to send an instrument on thirty days' trial and pay the freight both ways if it is not in every way satisfactory, it is pretty good evidence that they are first class. Wing & Son, the makers of the famous Wing Pianos, make this remarkable offer and we would advise every one of our readers who desires a piano, to write to them. We have run their advertisement for about two years and they have given our readers entire satisfaction. See their advertisement on inside front cover.—Ed.

30 DAYS FREE TRIAL

DO YOU WANT A BEAUTIFUL CLOCK FOR A SONG?

These are genuine imported Swiss Clocks and are an ornament to any home. They are handsomely carved in imitation walnut with ornamental weight and pendulum. Suitable for a present or for any room in your house. For a limited time we will send this clock on receipt of \$1.50 or we will send it on

30 Days Free Trial
to every one sending us 50 cents for a yearly subscription to VICK'S FAMILY MAGAZINE, with the understanding that it may be returned if not as represented; if found just as represented, at the end of the 30 days send us \$2.00 worth of subscriptions or \$1.50 in cash and keep the clock. Subscription price 50c. a year or 3 years for \$1.00.

An order for any of our clubs will count the same as a yearly subscription.

ORDER BLANK.
VICK PUBLISHING Co., Rochester, N. Y.
Gentlemen:—Enclosed find 50c. for a year's subscription to VICK'S FAMILY MAGAZINE. Please ship by express one of the **Swiss Clocks** for which I agree to secure \$2.00 worth of subscriptions or pay \$1.50 in cash within 30 days or return the clock to you.

Name.....
P. O.....
Express Office.....State.....




THE NATURAL BODY BRACE

10 years of demonstrated success. **TRIAL FREE** CURES Female Weakness, Nervousness, Weak Back, Stopping Shoulders, Lung Diseases, Abdominal Pains, Discomforts from Standing or Walking. Wholly external. Comfortable. Adjustable to fit any figure (thin or stout). Worn with or without corset. No metal springs.

around the body. A boon to the prospective mother. Many thousands of grateful women write us like this:
34 Walnut St., Dayton, Ohio, April 19, 1902.
Two years ago I bought a Natural Body Brace which has cured me of general female weakness in its worst form. I cannot find words to praise it as it deserves.
Mrs. C. M. Wilhelm.
Write for our illustrated book. It might save you hundreds of dollars and years of health. It is mailed free with full particulars. Address
THE NATURAL BODY BRACE CO.,
Howard C. Rash, Mgr., Box 748, Salina, Kansas.
Beware of imitators, copyists and infringers.



RHEUMATISM
BATES' RHEUMATIC FOOT DRAFTS and Mountain Herb Compound never fail to CURE Rheumatism in any form. The Drafts can be worn in any shoes, and will draw out all pain from every part of the system. **One Pair Mailed FREE.** Address, **Bates Rheumatic Cure Co., Dorchester Sta., Boston, Mass.**



PRINTS YOUR NAME. POCKET STAMP 15c PEN AND PENCIL. POSTPAID MARKS ANYTHING. STAMPS OF ALL KINDS, RUBBER TYPE ETC. **PERKINS RUBBER STAMP CO., P11, NEW HAVEN, CONN.**



15 CENTS will bring you, on trial, 13 weeks, the **PATHFINDER** the old reliable national news-review. This paper gives you every week ALL the important news of the world, stated clearly and without bias. It is the only news review that is truly comprehensive; and it is at the same time not padded or bulky. It gives you the wheat without the chaff. It is a time-saver for all busy people. In purpose it is high-toned, healthy and inspiring; it is a protest against sensational journalism. It takes the place of periodicals costing \$2.50 and \$3.00. Try it and you would not be without it for many times its cost—\$1.00 a year. Address, **The PATHFINDER, Washington, D. C.**

FITS

If you suffer from Epilepsy, Fits, Falling Sickness, St. Vitus's Dance, or Vertigo, have children, relatives, friends or neighbors that do so, or know people that are afflicted, my New Treatment will immediately relieve and PERMANENTLY CURE them, and all you are asked to do is to send for my FREE TREATMENT and try it. It has CURED thousands where everything else failed. Will be sent in plain package absolutely free, express prepaid. My Illustrated Book, "Epilepsy Explained," FREE by mail. Please give name, AGE and full address. All correspondence professionally confidential.

W. H. MAY, M. D.,
84 Pine Street, New York City.

\$3.98 buys our BREECH LOADING, AUTOMATIC SHELL EJECTING SHOTGUN the Long Range Winner, one of the strongest shooting and best made 12-gauge shotguns made, equal to guns others sell at \$7.00 to \$10.00.



\$3.48 buys our WILDWOOD 12-gauge, single barrel, breech loading, non-ejecting shotgun, guaranteed a better gun than others advertised at \$4.35 and upwards.

\$4.75 buys our HAMMERLESS, double barrel, bar lock, pistol grip, breech loading shotgun, THE CELEBRATED CHICAGO LONG RANGE WONDER, equal to hammerless guns others at \$6.00 to \$8.00.

\$2.75 buys our five-shot, automatic shell ejecting REVOLVER, OR HAMMERLESS FOR \$3.25.

All above arms are made in our own gun factory. MARLIN REPEATING SHOTGUNS REDUCED TO \$16.25. Stevens Crackshot Rifles Reduced to \$2.25. Favorite to \$4.00. Ideal to \$7.00. 22-caliber cartridges 19 cents per 100. Best 12-gauge loaded shells, \$1.29 per 100. For lowest prices ever known on all kinds of guns and sporting goods fr. m the cheapest to the best, cut this ad. out and mail to us & receive our catalogue free by return mail. SEARS ROEBUCK & CO., Chicago.

RUBBER STAMPS
Not over 3 inches long, made to order at 5 cents a line.
Cheapest House in America
Your Name 5c
Name and Address 10c
Any other stamp, per line 5c
Fancy Initial, any letter 10c
Self-inking Pad 10c. Dater, good for 6 years 15c
All goods prepaid—Catalog Free.
CLIMAX RUBBER WORKS, Russellville, Ala.

A NEW IDEA IN TRUNKS.

The Stallman Dresser Trunk is constructed on new principles. Drawers instead of trays. A place for everything and everything in its place. The bottom as accessible as the top. Defies the baggage smasher. Costs no more than a good box trunk. Sent C. O. D., with privilege of examination. Send 2-cent stamp for illustrated catalogue. F. A. TALLMAN, 102 W. Spring Street, Columbus, Ohio.

1427 Silk Fringe Cards, Love, Transparent, Escort & Acquaintance Cards, New Puzzles, New Games, Premium Articles, Etc. Finest Sample Book of Visiting & Hidden Name Cards, Biggest Catalogue. Send 2c stamp for all. OHIO CARD CO., CADIZ, OHIO.

THE KENTON WITHOUT AN EQUAL.

Special price for 30 days **\$10.50**
Our latest improved Ken-ton Drop-Head Sewing Machine, with 5 drawers, one of the latest, most strictly up-to-date machines on the market to-day. The above price is only for 30 days, and includes all attachments. The furniture is either of handsome rich golden oak finish, or in walnut. Write today for our large illustrated catalogue.
H. F. SCHLUTER & CO., Dept. 141, 1408 Elm St., Cincinnati, O.

THIS BEAUTIFUL SOLID GOLD finished scroll wire Brooch sent to any address for 12c—(Regular price 25c)—Your initial engraved on Bangle FREE. Bangle is same size as 10c piece. V. MONARCH JEWELRY CO., Beaver Dam, Wis.

PETS FOR EVERYBODY

If you want to buy a Dog, Bird, Angora Cat, White Mice or Rats, Guinea Pigs, Gold Fish or Aquariums, Parrots or Cages, send for Catalogue to J. HOPE, No. 35 N. Ninth Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

SHORT STORIES sold on commission and syndicated. 1,000 buyers on our list. Instruction given by mail in Short Story Writing, News Correspondence and Reportorial branches. Send for free booklets—tell how to start right. Address, UNITED PRESS SYNDICATE, 876 Majestic Building, INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

SAVE YOUR TEETH from decay for a trifle. Simple, valuable discovery Saves dentist bills. Worth dollars to you Full directions only 25c. V. M. Star Co., Washington, Iowa

ANY BOY, GIRL, man or woman, can earn \$3 to \$12 weekly selling Micro-lene. Simply send the names of 5 mothers and 12c. for outfit to start you and the greatest free premium or cash offer ever made by a responsible firm. Write today! H. C. BELLE CO., Douglas Park, Chicago, U. S. A.

The Care of the Teeth

By Kate Burton

(Written for Vick's Family Magazine.)

If a person can flash you a bright smile, disclosing an even row of white, well kept teeth, you can readily forgive him all other deficiencies, even if his complexion is not all it could be, and angular features also contribute to the make-up of his face. Indeed, such a person might often be called attractive.

The condition and appearance of ones teeth may affect him in more ways than one. The looks of decaying teeth alone, are bad enough; but when one unconsciously swallows the saliva, laden with filthy germs, it is ten times worse. If you do not care for your personal appearance, perhaps you do for your physical welfare, and in this case your teeth should receive a great deal of attention.

It is a possible thing to have nice, even teeth from the time the first ones appear until extreme old age; but in order to do so, they must be given frequent and careful attention. A mother should begin as soon as the milk teeth have appeared in the mouth of her child, and see that they do not lack for proper care. In this way, they will remain whole and sound until they drop out to make room for the permanent set. At first a soft cloth should be used, and afterwards a soft brush.

As soon as a child is old enough to use a brush, he should be taught to clean his teeth at least once a day, and twice would be better. The brush should not be rubbed across the teeth so much as up and down; this will serve to dislodge particles more readily, and the gums will not be so apt to become torn. A brush with an uneven surface is much better than a smooth one; and if possible procure a kind with a curved handle to fit the mouth.

A person's diet has a great deal to do with his teeth. Particles of meat will decay quicker than vegetable matter, and they should be promptly removed. Always use a small wooden toothpick and never a pin, or anything else made of similar substance. Hot coffee, tea and soup will help on decay, and if cold water is indulged in immediately afterwards, one may consider himself fortunate if a bad attack of toothache is not brought on; therefore care should be used in this direction.

Although sometimes recommended as being good for cleaning the teeth, salt and charcoal should not be used, especially if the enamel—the hard, outside part—is the least bit thin. Any substance that is coarse and gritty should not be used, and if nothing better can be procured, wash the teeth three times a day with luke warm water, rubbing them gently until well cleaned.

However, there are several good dentifrices—both liquid and in the

powdered form—that most people can procure, and these should be used. Do not accept cheap tooth powders, as these will prove cheap in more senses than one. They may also prove dear. At least once each week, take a piece of fine, silk thread and work it gently between the teeth, until every decaying particle has been removed. You will be surprised that the brush has left so much untouched.

The tooth brush should be well cared for. Thoroughly wash it under the faucet, every time after using, and put it in the tumbler handle end down. Every now and then give it a washing in soap suds. Of course it is unnecessary to state that each member of a family should have a brush for his own individual use.

As remarked once before, it is quite possible to keep one's teeth even, firm and white; but if the work is not begun early enough, and decay gains a foothold before a person is aware, a reliable dentist should be consulted at the earliest opportunity, and the teeth put in proper shape. Parents should not allow their children to influence them against having their teeth filled, because "it will hurt so;" but once a year at least they should be taken to a dentist, and have their

DEC. 23rd, 1901.
DR. EARL S. SLOAN, Boston, Mass.
Dear Sir—If I had known of your wonderful Nerve and Bone Liniment previous to Aug. 29th., I should not have passed so many sleepless nights. On that date I slipped from a step-ladder and bruised my left arm and shoulder. The Doctor assured me that no bones were broken, but that the muscles and nerves were strained, which in his opinion was worse than a break. After using several dollars worth of prescriptions, without any result whatever, I concluded that I should always be a cripple. On Dec. 13th I stepped into a drug store and got a 25 cent bottle of your Liniment, and the instant that I applied it as per directions I got relief; in fact it acted like magic. The LINIMENT cannot be too highly recommended and I shall make it a point to solicit the trade to keep it whenever I can do so. I have now only used it seven days and my arm is almost well.
Yours very truly,
(Signed) P. R. COLEMAN,
164 Williams St. Newark, N. J.

Mothers! Mothers!! Mothers!!!

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup

has been used for over SIXTY YEARS by MILLIONS of MOTHERS for their CHILDREN while TEETHING, with PERFECT SUCCESS. IT SOOTHES the CHILD, SOFTENS the GUMS, ALLAYS all PAIN; CURES WIND COLIC, and is the best remedy for DIARRHOEA. Sold by Druggists in every part of the world. Be sure and ask for "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup," and take no other kind. Twenty-five cts. a bottle.

"DO YOU SING OR PLAY?"

A question asked nightly in thousands of homes, You can easily acquire a **MUSICAL EDUCATION.** During your spare hours at home we can teach you how to sing, compose music, to play any instrument, to lead a church choir, band or orchestra. Our system is recommended by famous musicians and pupils everywhere. **FREE**—"All About Music," Valuable, 60-page book. Send 6c to pay postage. Dept. 12, THE HOVE CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL OF MUSIC, Columbus, Ohio.

SENT ON APPROVAL to Responsible People

Laughlin Fountain Pen

Is the Peer of all Pens and has no Equal Anywhere

Finest Grade 14k. Gold Pen

Your Choice of these two Popular Styles For Only **\$1.00**

Postpaid to any address

By Registered Mail 8c Extra

Superior to other makes at \$3.00

Our Extraordinary Offer

You may try the pen for a week. If you like it, remit; if not, return it. Ever read or heard of anything fairer?

The Laughlin Fountain Pen Holder is made of finest quality hard rubber, is fitted with highest grade, large size, 14k gold pen, of any desired flexibility, and has the only perfect feeding device known. Either style, richly gold mounted, for presentation purposes, \$1.00 extra.

Why not order a dozen of these pens for Christmas Presents for your friends? Surely you will not be able to secure anything at three times the price that will give such continuous pleasure and service. Everybody appreciates a good Fountain Pen. Safety pocket pen holder sent free of charge with each pen.

Illustration on left is full size of ladies' style; on right, gentlemen's style.

Lay this magazine down and Write NOW

ADDRESS

Laughlin M'g. Co.,

724 Griswold St., Detroit, Mich

100 Noteheads or Envelopes Neatly Printed and one year's subscription to the Monthly Ledger for 30 cents. Samples of Printing 2 cents.

MONTHLY LEDGER, New Haven, Pa.

I REVEAL by Written Description, giving true name and address of your future wife or husband for 25 cents silver. State sex and birth date. Money back if I fail. **B. CON ZONI, Astrologer, Box 216, Alexander, N. Y.**

LADIES Reliable Safety Syringe, together with Gold Powder, used in hot water injections, is the only absolutely sure means of cleansing and is recommended by leading physicians to married ladies, for that purpose.

Gold Powder is a reliable antiseptic, purifying and strengthening the parts without injury.

One bottle of Gold Powder (150 Treatments) with directions, and the Reliable Safety Syringe shipped in a plain sealed box, for \$3.00. Send for booklet. **BADEN MEDICAL CO., Goldwater - Michigan**

R·I·P·A·N·S

Owing to close confinement in business I suffered from a bad touch of indigestion, so much so as to cause me intense pain. My tongue was coated; had severe pains around my eyes and felt miserable. Through the persuasion of a friend I tried Ripans Tabules, and after taking them for two days I obtained some relief. I kept on taking them, and can safely say they have cured me.

At druggists. The Five-Cent packet is enough for an ordinary occasion. The family bottle, 60 cents, contains a supply for a year.

DRUNKARDS

CURED SECRETLY.
Box Sent FREE.



Any woman can cure her husband, son or brother of liquor drinking, by secretly placing this remedy in his coffee, tea or food without his knowledge, as it is entirely odorless and tasteless. Any good and faithful woman can wipe out this fearful evil and permanently stop the craving for liquor, as did Mrs. R. L. Townsend, of Selma, La. For years she prayed to her husband to quit drinking, but found that he could not do so of his own free will, and learning of this remarkable cure, she determined to try it. Mrs. Townsend says that before she gave her husband half a box of Milo Tablets he lost all desire for whisky, the sight or odor of whisky and beer now makes him deathly sick. Mrs. Townsend's word of gratitude is only one of the thousands in possession of this company. Anyone who will send their name and address to the Milo Drug Co 131 Milo Building, St. Louis, Mo., will receive by mail, sealed in plain wrapper, a free package of this wonderful remedy and full instructions how to cure the drink habit. It costs nothing to try it.

teeth thoroughly examined and tended to. Grown people, as well, should follow this rule. Have the teeth well cleaned by some person that understands the work, whenever they begin to appear yellow and ill-looking.

Filled teeth do not necessarily detract from ones looks; certainly they are much better than teeth with disreputable black cavities; and if gold filling can be indulged in for the front teeth, at least, it will not infrequently add much to ones appearance.

A person with a well filled, well cared for set of teeth, always gives one the impression that he is a self-respecting individual, and therefore creates respect from others; but he who wilfully allows his teeth to go neglected from one year to another, and suffers toothache and unkind remarks in consequence, arouses no feeling in one except a desire to pilot him off to the nearest dentist.

Children should not be allowed to eat too much candy, for too great a quantity of this creates an unwholesome heat in the mouth, that will bring on decay. It is an excellent plan to clean the teeth just before retiring. If you cannot clean them but once a day, let it be at bedtime.

Successful Shirking.

Half the mental and more than half the bodily ills women undergo would be lightened if they could learn to shirk scientifically.

This is a faculty that must be cultivated. Few women north of Mason and Dixon's line are born with it. When the Puritan fathers bequeathed to their descendants brown bread, baked beans and alleged liberty of thought, they threw in what is still known as "Puritan conscience." From the onus of this conscience must the woman free herself who would make a science of shirking.

As a matter of course the woman who makes a science of shirking is a diplomatist. When she shirks bread-making because there is something else of more importance on hand, she buys a breadstuff so pleasing that the family feel they are having a treat. If she shirks her duty calls she invites the sinned-against friend to a meal at the house or writes her a flattering note about her last club paper. *Christine Terhune Herrick in Collier's Weekly.*

Free to Dyspeptics.

If you suffer from *distress, bloating, Heart-burn, Sour Stomach or Water Brash*, you can find relief and what is better in most cases a cure by using "Glycozone." This scientific germicide stops fermentation of food in stomach, allays inflammation of mucous membrane, and is absolutely harmless. To demonstrate its wonderful efficiency, if you mention this publication I will send on receipt of 20 cents (which covers postage), a liberal sample of Glycozone that will prove its merit. Prof. Charles Marchand, 59 Prince street, New York.

VICK'S WINDOW GARDEN

Here is an opportunity for you to make a beautiful addition to your Window Garden, if you already have one, or the chance of a lifetime to start one if your house is without it. The Window Garden is not a luxury for the wealthy alone, but a source of great pleasure and enjoyment to everyone. In view of this fact, the publishers of propose to give their readers a splendid collection of seven plants as follows:



No. 2 No. 4 No. 7 No. 3 No. 1 No. 5 No. 6

FLOWERING KINDS.

1 Abutilon—(Chinese Bell-Flower or Flowering Maple). The well-known greenhouse shrub which will bloom most freely with the very commonest treatment.

2 Calla, Little Gem—A dwarf variety of the old Calla, ten to twelve inches high; free bloomer.

3 Rose—The Rose must always be a prominent object in every worthy garden. Its cultivation is so simple that no excuse can be offered for its neglect, since it is, of all flowers, the one most beautiful, most highly esteemed, and around which clusters a wealth of sentiment, history, and poetry.

4 Flowering Begonias—This beautiful class of plants is deservedly popular. Their beautiful foliage combined with graceful flowers and free-blooming qualities, makes them desirable. As pot plants for winter decorations they have few equals.

5 Primula Obconica—Fine for the house, needing little care. A profuse bloomer, bearing on long stems heads with 10 to 15 flowers. The flowers are white, occasionally shading to lilac, and have the true primrose fragrance.

PLANTS FOR FOLIAGE.

6 Ferns cannot be dispensed with in elaborate decorations for the house. They are as useful in producing a graceful effect as any plants of which we know. Do not crowd them together, but give room for the development of the fronds; their growth is rapid, and they soon double their original size.

FOR THE HANGING BASKET.

7 Oxalis—An interesting class of bulbs, desirable for winter flowering in pots, producing an abundance of bloom. The leaves resemble the clover leaf and plants require no special care.

The illustration is from a photograph taken of the above collection just as it appears before the plants are packed for shipment by mail and with proper treatment (Directions will be found in book described below) will be just as beautiful as they are represented as soon as potted. With this collection, we also send you "The Window Garden, How to Make it a Success," by Eben E. Rexford, published by Flower City Plant Food Co., Rochester, N. Y., telling just how to treat the different plants in a Window Garden, also gives lists of plants best adapted to general window culture, best soil for potted plants, drainage necessary, size of pots, watering, insects, fresh air, heat, light and sunshine and other valuable information which is necessary to make the Window Garden a success.



Our Offer. For only 60c. (sixty cents) we will credit your subscription to VICK'S FAMILY MAGAZINE one year and send to your address the above collection of plants just as described and illustrated, and also "How to Make the Window Garden a Success," by Eben E. Rexford. In each case add 10 cents to pay postage and packing. We guarantee these plants to be in excellent condition when they reach you. If there is any trouble, write us at once and we will make everything satisfactory.

VICK PUBLISHING COMPANY.

Fill out the following order blank and return:

(Use pencil.)

VICK PUBLISHING Co., Rochester, N. Y.

Enclosed find 70c for which please credit my subscription to VICK'S FAMILY MAGAZINE for one year and mail to my address postpaid, "Vick's Window Garden Collection" in accordance with your published offer, together with "How to Make the Window Garden a Success," by Eben E. Rexford.

Address.....

P. O.....

Co.....

State.....

DIVIDENDS

Risk a postal. Send us your name for prospectus of the Rayo Mining and Developing Co. of California. Every dollar invested in these shares will return you regular, handsome, dividends. MILIONS of ore values ready to mine; Electric Water-Power Plant in connection. Not the ordinary mining proposition. Shares now selling at ground-floor price. Bank References.

ROANOKE INVESTMENT CO.
539 Marquette Building, Chicago.

WONDERFUL BUGGY OFFER

If you will cut this ad. out and send to us, we will send you free, by return mail, postpaid, our new special catalogue of Buggies, Surreys, Wagons, etc. You will get the lowest prices and the most astonishingly liberal offer ever made, and if you order a vehicle from us it will be sent to you with the understanding and agreement that it perfectly satisfactory and much lower in price than you could buy elsewhere. You Need Not Pay Us One Cent. Every rig is made in our own factory, and to make freight charges very low, we have arranged to ship all vehicles to Southern states from Kentucky, and for Northern States from Indiana. DON'T BUY A BUGGY until you see our catalogue and astonishing offer. Write today, its FREE. SEARS, ROEBUCK & CO., CHICAGO.

ECZEMA

Instantly relieved, promptly cured by ZEMALINE. No matter how obstinate or long standing the case may be. We guarantee absolute cure or no pay. Send for a SAMPLE JAR POSTPAID. State case, how long afflicted. Rochester Ointment Co., State St., Rochester, N. Y.

PARKER'S HAIR BALSAM
Cleanses and beautifies the hair. Promotes a luxuriant growth. Never Fails to Restore Gray Hair to its Youthful Color. Cures scalp diseases & itching. 50c. and \$1.00 at Druggists.

BE BEAUTIFUL

Dr. Bidaman's Safe Arsenic Complexion Wafers remove pimples, blackheads, and all blemishes of the skin. Make the complexion clear, transparent, rosy, smooth and soft. Used by noted beauties and actresses. Sample box sent on receipt of twenty-five cents in stamps. Correspondence absolutely confidential. DR. ISRAEL BIDAMAN. Established Over Thirty Years. New York

DR. DAVID'S ENGLISH TONIC PILLS
A standard remedy. Ladies, take no other. Send 2 cent (stamps) for full particulars. "Booklet for Ladies" in letter by return mail. DR. DAVID MEDICINE CO., Cincinnati, O.

Girls' Song & Joke Book
30 SONGS
Baby Mine, Dolly Gray, Ain't That a Shame, Go Way Back.
Funny stories, 100 new jokes, Fortune-Telling by Month of Birth. ALL 10c. Buckeye News Co., Dept. R, Mt. Vernon, Ohio

This 44 Pc. TEA SET FREE
To every lady who sells 10 cans of our Baking Powder, etc., (on our Plan No. 58) giving free to each purchaser a beautiful Glass Pitcher and six glasses, we give this 44-pc. handsomely decorated Tea Set, full size for table use, free. No money required in advance. Simply send your name & address & we will send you our plans, order blank, etc. We will allow you time to deliver the Baking Powder, & collect the money before paying us. You run no risk, as we pay the freight, & will trust you with the Baking Powder & Dishes, etc. We also give away 11 1/2 Piece Dinner Sets, Dress Skirts, Couches, Rocking Chairs, Furniture, etc., for selling our goods. Address King Mfg. Co., 638 King Bldg., St. Louis, Mo.

Gold Plated Watches	25 Cents	Ladies and Gents Chains	25 Cents	Solid Gold Tooth Set, Rings	25 Cents	Charmes and Chatelain Watches
---------------------	----------	-------------------------	----------	-----------------------------	----------	-------------------------------

How to get your choice of any article in "Eureka Watch Co." Catalogue for 25 cts. Styles of Ladies or Gents gold plated Watches 4 styles solid gold Rings, Lorgnet Chains, Gents Double Chain, etc. Write at once.

Eureka Watch Company,
NEW MILFORD, CONN.

Agents wanted \$5.00 per day easily

J. M. Hanson's Clubbing Offers

Lexington, Kentucky

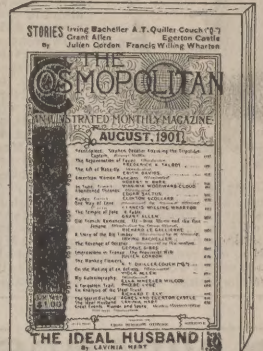
Greatest Subscription Offers Ever Made



THE YOUTH'S COMPANION
including all extra numbers and calendar for 1903, may be added to any club for **\$1.75**



We will duplicate any Combination or Club Offer advertised.



All subscriptions are for one full year, and may be sent to one or separate addresses. Subscriptions may be either new or renewals, except when otherwise stated.

VICK'S FAMILY MAGAZINE, 1 Year..\$.50
Modern Priscilla may be substituted.
COSMOPOLITAN, 1 Year 1.00
Leslie's Monthly may be substituted.
AMERICAN BOY, 1 Year 1.00

Send us Only
\$1.50
For all Three.

VICK'S FAMILY MAGAZINE, 1 Year..\$.50
WOMAN'S HOME COMPANION, 1 Year 1.00
American Mother may be substituted.
GOOD HOUSEKEEPING, 1 Year..... 1.00

Our Price
\$1.20
For All Three.

Three Special Offers

Vick's, Pathfinder and Nickel Magazine...\$1.00
American Boy and Pathfinder..... 1.00
Cosmopolitan and Leslie's Monthly..... 1.25

Three Special Offers

Vick's Magazine, \$.50	Our Price	Vick's Magazine, \$.50	Our Price
N. Y. World.... 1.00	\$1.50	Courier-Journal, 1.00	\$1.50
Poultry Keeper.. .50		Valley Farmer.. .50	
Valley Farmer.. .50		Home and Farm, .50	
		Nickel Magazine, .50	
	For all Four		For all Five

Vick's Magazine, \$.50	Our Price	Vick's Magazine, \$.50	Our Price
Country Gent'l'n 1.50	\$2.25	Courier-Journal, 1.00	\$1.50
Table Talk..... 1.00		Green's Fruit G'r .50	
Valley Farmer... .50		Valley Farmer.. .50	
Poultry Keeper.. .50		Poultry Keeper.. .50	
	For all Five		For all Five

Club Price.
Vick's, Cosmopolitan, Everybody's and American Boy \$2.25
Vick's, Leslie's Monthly, American Boy and Pathfinder 2.25
Vick's, Recreation, Everybody's and American Mother..... 2.25
Vick's, Success and Woman's Home Companion..... 1.75
Vick's, Little Folks (new) and Everybody's 1.50
Vick's, Green's Fruit Grower and Valley Farmer75
Vick's, Cincinnati Enquirer, Nickel Magazine and Country Gentlemen 2.25
Vick's, Cincinnati Daily Post, Nickel Mag., and Green's Fruit Grower 2.50

Club Price.
Vick's, Current Literature, Nickel Magazine and Cosmopolitan..... \$3.00
Vick's, World's Work, Art Student and Everybody's 3.00
Vick's, Review of Reviews, Ladies' World and Success..... 3.00
Vick's, Lippincott's and American Mother..... 2.65
Vick's, Pathfinder, Country Gentlemen and Poultry Keeper 2.25
Vick's, American Boy and American Mother..... 1.50
Vick's, Nickel, Missouri Valley Farmer and Leslie's Monthly 1.50
Vick's, Courier Journal, N. Y. World and Poultry Keeper..... 2.00

We Also Furnish as Follows:—

CLASS 1.

American Mother, 1 yr.....	\$1.00
Art Student, 1 yr.....	1.00
Conkey's Home Journal, 1 yr.....	.50
Criterion, 1 yr.....	1.00
Dietetic and Hygienic Gazette 1 yr.....	1.00
Electrical Age, 1 yr.....	1.00
Farm and Home, 1 yr.....	.50
Farm News, 1 yr.....	.50
Green's Fruit Grower, 1 yr.....	.50
Home and Farm, 1 yr.....	.50
Ladies World, 1 yr.....	.40
Louisville Commercial, 1 yr.....	.50
Memphis Commercial-Appeal, 1 yr.....	.50
Modern Priscilla, 1 yr.....	.50
Nickel Magazine, 1 yr.....	.50
Our Times, 1 yr.....	.50
Poultry Keeper, 1 yr.....	.50
Valley Farmer, 1 yr.....	.50
Vick's Magazine, 1 yr.....	.50
Woman's Work, 1 yr.....	.50
World's Events, 1 yr.....	.50
Youth, 1 yr.....	1.00

Any of These Three **\$1.00**

Any two with any one in class 2 **\$1.50**

CLASS 2.

American Boy, 1 yr.....	\$1.00
Atlanta Constitution (w) 1 yr.....	1.00
Book-Keeper, 1 yr.....	1.00
Boston Cooking School Magazine, 1 yr.....	1.00
Cincinnati Enquirer, 1 yr.....	1.00
Cosmopolitan, 1 yr.....	1.00
Courier-Journal, 1 yr.....	1.00
Educational Foundations, 1 yr.....	1.00
Eleanor Kirk's Idea, 1 yr.....	1.00
Era, 1 yr.....	1.00
Ev'ry Month, 1 yr.....	1.00
Everybody's, 1 yr.....	1.00
Farm Poultry, 1 yr.....	1.00
Good Health, 1 yr.....	1.00
Good Housekeeping, 1 yr.....	1.00
Household, 1 yr.....	1.00
Inter-Ocean, 1 yr.....	1.00
Ledger Monthly, 1 yr.....	1.00
Leslie's Popular Monthly, 1 yr.....	1.00
Motherhood, 1 yr.....	1.00
National, 1 yr.....	1.00
Nickel and Vick's, 1 yr.....	1.00
Normal Instructor-Teachers World, 1 yr.....	1.00
Overland Monthly, 1 yr.....	1.00
Pacific Home Journal, 1 yr.....	1.00
Pathfinder, 1 yr.....	1.00
Pilgrim, 1 yr.....	1.00
Pictorial Review, 1 yr.....	1.00
Poultry Keeper and Vick's, 1 yr.....	1.00
Primary School, 1 yr.....	1.00
Recreation (new) 1 yr.....	1.00
Success, 1 yr.....	1.00
Table Talk, 1 yr.....	1.00
Teacher's Institute, 1 yr.....	1.00
Vick's, 3 yrs.....	1.00
What to Eat, 1 yr.....	1.00
World's Events, 3 yrs.....	1.00
Woman's Home Companion, 1 yr.....	1.00

Any two **\$1.25**

Any three **\$2.00**

Any four **\$2.50**

Any five **\$3.00**

CLASS 3.

Brown Book, 1 yr.....	\$1.00
Christian Endeavor World (new) 1 yr.....	1.00
Commoner, 1 yr.....	1.00
Current History (new) 1 yr.....	1.50
Detroit Free Press, 1 yr.....	1.00
Humorist, 1 yr.....	2.00
Judge (Weekly) 4 mos.....	1.67
Leslie's Weekly, 4 mos.....	1.34
Little Chronicle, 1 yr.....	1.50
N. Y. Saturday Times, 1 yr.....	1.00
N. Y. World (tri-weekly) 1 yr.....	1.00
Perry Pictures, 1 yr.....	1.00

Any one with any two of Class 2, **\$2.25**

Any two with any one of Class 2, **\$2.50**

CLASS 4.

Arena, 1 yr.....	2.50
Breeder's Gazette, 1 yr.....	2.00
Biblical World, 1 yr.....	2.00
Country Gentleman, 1 yr.....	1.50
Critic, 1 yr.....	2.00
Elementary Teacher, 1 yr.....	1.50
Etude (new) 1 yr.....	1.50
House Beautiful, 1 yr.....	2.00
Mind, 1 yr.....	2.00
Popular Science News, 1 yr.....	1.50
School Review, 1 yr.....	1.50

Any two **\$2.50**

Any three **\$3.75**

CLASS 5.

Art Interchange (with premium) 1 yr.....	8.00
(12 back numbers or 12 color studies.)	
Judge, 1 yr.....	5.00
Churchman (new) 1 yr.....	8.50
Leslie's Weekly, 1 yr.....	4.00

Any two **\$5.00**

Any three **\$7.00**

A Special Offer.
Ladies Home Journal } Our Price **\$2.00**
Saturday Evening Post }
This Special Offer expires Feb. 1, 1903, when the price of the Post will be advanced to \$2.00.

References: The Bradstreet Agency, R. G. Dun & Co., all publishers and Phoenix National Bank, Lexington, Ky.

Or We Will Duplicate Any Combination Offer Advertised.

Harper's Magazine may be added to any of the above combinations for \$3.35. Regular price, \$4.00. The Youth's Companion, including all extra numbers and Calendar for 1903, may be added for \$1.75. Century Magazine, \$3.65, regular price, \$4.00. McClures Magazine, \$1.00. Pearson's with Calendar, \$1.00. Munsey's, \$1.00, Argosy, \$1.00. Ladies' Home Journal, \$1.00. Saturday Evening Post, \$1.00. Delineator, \$1.00.

FREE If you will send us three orders for any combinations of \$1.50 or more you may have **FREE** a yearly subscription to *Cosmopolitan* or *Era*, or *American Boy*, or *Leslie's Monthly*, or *Table Talk*, or *Success* or *Everybody's*. Your **Own Club** and **Two other Clubs** make the three orders.

Christmas Presents The Publications offered make excellent Christmas presents, being a pleasant reminder of the donor every week or every month throughout the year. One club will make several nice presents.

A \$1,100 Wing Piano (the standard Piano of the World) and a number of Cash Prizes to Agents sending us most subscriptions. Write for particulars. Address All Orders to **J. M. HANSON, Magazine Agency, 48 Hanson Block, Lexington, Ky.** Club raisers, newsdealers and agents wanted to take orders for our combination offers. Liberal commissions paid.